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"...On a grand scale, consumerism is nations creating policies that are responsive to consumer perspectives. Consumerism is corporations that make safety their first concern and develop quality products and services. Consumerism is governments using tax dollars wisely, responsively, and ethically. It is also charities that inspire us to support worthy causes with our financial resources.

On a more personal level, consumerism is a parent putting safe, nutritious food on the table. It is families knowing how to spend and save wisely so they have enough money left over to pursue a dream or enjoy a special pastime. Indeed, the marketplace skills of individual consumers play an important role in ensuring that every American citizen enjoys his or her share in our Nation's prosperity..."

Excerpts from President Bush's 1989 Proclamation of National Consumers Week, April 23-29, 1989





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Dear Consumer:

The Department of Defense is pleased to participate in the publication of the <u>Consumer's Resource Handbook</u>. We are concerned about the difficulties that consumers sometimes experience when seeking help-with a complaint. The handbook is designed to bring you to the right source for assistance. I am sure you will find it a useful reference guide in resolving complaints.

Sincerely,

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON



Dear Consumer:

I am proud to introduce the 5th edition of the *Consumer's Resource Handbook*. This how-to-do-it guide is one of the most popular and widely-praised books ever published by the Federal government. The *Handbook* is written for the individual American consumer and the consumer affairs professional.

In "Part I—How to be a Smart Consumer" we offer hints on how to get the most for your money. "Eubie Smart" is a special cartoon character we use with our list of consumer tips. This section contains tips on how to choose child care, how to protect your privacy, and how to choose a school for your child. Eubie also offers pointers about car repair, home remodeling, and credit card fraud. If you are trying to resolve a consumer complaint, this part of the *Handbook* shows you how to write a complaint ietter.

The second section, "Part II—Consumer Assistance Directory," lists the addresses and telephone numbers of businesses, state and local consumer protection offices, and Federal government agencies. You can write or call these offices for help with your consumer questions and problems.

If you are not sure where to find the information you need, check the Index in the back of the *Handbook*. The Index is arranged by subject.

Whether you are an individual consumer or a consumer affairs professional, we hope you will find this *Handbook* useful.

Sincerely.

Bonnie Guiton

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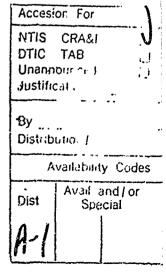
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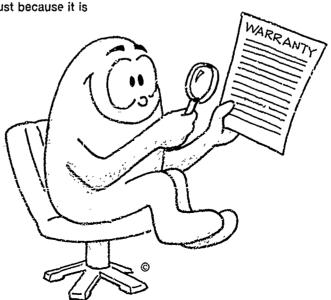
How to Get the Most for Your Money and Avoid Consumer Problems

Before you buy:

- Think about what you need and what product or service features are important to you.
- Compare brands. Ask for word-of-mouth recommendations and look for formal product comparison reports.
 Check your local library for magazines and other publications that contain product comparisons.
- Compare stores. Look for a store with a good reputation and plan ahead to take advantage of sales.
- Check with your local Better Susiness Bureau (BBB) to find out if the company is reputable.
- Check for any extra charges, such as delivery fees, installation charges, and service costs.
- Read warranties to understand what you must do and what the manufacturer must do if you have a problem.
- Read contract terms carefully. Make sure all blank spaces are filled in before you sign a contract.
- Ask the sales person to explain the store's return or exchange policy.
- Do not assume an item is a bargain just because it is advertised as one.

After you buy:

- Read and follow the instructions on how to use the product or service.
- Use the product only for the purpose outlined by the manufacturer in the instructions.
- Read and understand the warranty. Keep in mind that you may have additional warranty rights in your state.
 Check with your state or local consumer office for more information. A list of these offices begins on page 48.
- Keep all sales receipts, warranties, and instructions.
- If trouble develops, report the problem to the company as soon as possible. Trying to fix the product yourself may cancel the warranty.
- Keep a file of your efforts to resolve the problem. It should include the names of the individuals you speak with and the date, time, and outcome of the conversation. Also, keep copies of the letters you send to the company and any replies they send to you.



How to Handle Your Own Complaint

As a consumer you have the right to expect quality products and services at fair prices. If something goes wrong, there are things you can do to resolve the problem. Here are some suggestions for handling your own complaint:

Collect records:

Start a file about your complaint. Include copies of sales receipts, repair orders, warranties, cancelled checks, and contracts which will back up your complaint and help the company resolve your problem.

Go back to where you made the purchase:

Contact the person who sold you the item or performed the service. Calmly and accurately explain the problem and what action you would like taken. If that person is not helpful, ask for the supervisor or manager and restate your case. A large number of consumer problems are resolved at this level. Chances are, yours will be, too.

Allow each person you contact time to resolve your problem before contacting someone else for help.

Keep a record of your efforts and include notes about whom you spoke with and what was done about the problem. Save copies of any letters you send to the company as well as letters sent to you.

Don't give up:

If you are not satisfied with the response at the local level, don't give up. Call or write a letter to the person responsible for consumer complaints at the company's headquarters. Many companies have toll-free telephone numbers. Often these toll-free "800" numbers are printed on the product's package. Check your local library for a directory of tell-free telephone numbers. Or, call 1 (800) 555-1212 to learn whether a company has a toll-free telephone number. If you're writing a letter, send your letter to the consumer office or to the president of the company.

Describe the problem:

When you complain to a company, be sure to describe the problem, what (if anything) you have already done to resolve it, and what you think is a fair solution. Do you want your money back? Would you like the product repaired? Do you want the product exchanged?

How to Write a Complaint Letter

Where to write:

If talking with the sales person or company representative does not resolve the problem, you will need to write a letter to the company to resolve your complaint. For a list of many corporate consumer contacts and their addresses, see page 11.

If there is no listing for the company, check the reference section of your local library. The following books may help you locate useful company and brand name information:

- Standard & Poor's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives
- Standard Directory of Advertisers
- Thomas Register of American Manufacturers
- Trade Names Directory

What to write:

- The letter should include your name, address, home and work telephone numbers, and account number, if appropriate.
- Make your letter brief and to the point. List all the important facts about your purchase, including the date and place you mad; the purchase and any information you can give about the product—such as the serial or model number.
- If you are writing to complain about a service you received, describe the service and who performed it.
- State exactly what you want done about the problem and how long you are willing to wait to resolve it. Be reasonable.
- Include copies of all documents regarding your problem.
- Be sure to send COPIES, not originals.
- Don't write an angry, sarcastic, or threatening letter. The
 person reading your letter probably was not responsible
 for your problem, but may be very helpful in resolving it.
 Type your letter if possible. If it is handwritten, make
 sure it is neat and easy to read.
- · Keep a copy of all letters to and from the company.
- The sample letter on the next page is a guide to help you
 write a complaint letter. Remember, if you v te a letter
 to a Better Business Bureau, government agency, trade
 association, or other source or help, give information
 about what you have done so far to get your complaint
 resolved.

Sample Complaint Letter

(Your Address) (Your City, State, ZIPCode) (Date)

(Name of Contact Person) Miller (Company Name) (Street Address) (City, State. ZIP Code)

Dear (Contact Person):

• describe your purchase

· name of product, serial numbers.

 include date and location of purchase

ask for specific action

enclose copies of documents

On (date), I purchased (or had repaired) a (name of the product with serial or model number or service performed). I made this purchase at (location, date, and other important details of the transaction).

Unfortunately, your product (or service) has not performed well (or the service was inadequate) because (state the problem).

Therefore, to resolve the problem, I would appreciate your (state the specific action you want). Enclosed are copies (copies-NOT originals) of my records (receipts, guarantees, warranties, canceled checks, contracts, model and serial numbers, and any other documents).

I look forward to your reply and a resolution to my problem, and will wait (set time limit) before seeking third-party assistance. Please contact me at the above address or by phone at (home and office numbers-with area codes).

(Your name) (Your account number)

- state the problem
- give the history
- allow time for action or response
- include how you can be reached

Sincerely,

Keep copies of your letter and all related documents

How to Use this Handbook

The Consumer's Resource Handbook is divided into two sections. Part I – How to be a Smart Consumer lists tips on how to get the most for your money, how to handle your own complaint and how to write a complaint letter. Part I also includes tips about several consumer issues such as protecting personal privacy, finding child care, and credit card fraud.

Part II of the *Handbook* lists offices you can contact for help with consumer problems or questions. This section includes: Corporate Consumer Contacts, Car Manufacturers, Better Business Bureaus, Trade Associations and Other Dispute Resolution Programs, State, County and City Government Consumer Offices, Selected Federal Agencies, and Military-Commissary and Exchange Contacts. Check the Table of Contents for a complete list of the offices in this part of the book.

There is a Subject Index at the back of the Handbook which can help you locate information about specific topics. (Specific topics.

Remember:

- 1. First contact the seller if you have a complaint.
- If that does not resolve your problem, contact the company headquarters.
- If your problem is still unresolved, refer to the index for the organizations, or local, state and Federal offices that provide assistance.
- 4. Taking legal action should be the last resort. However, if you decide to exercise this right, be aware that you may have to act within a certain time period. Check with your lawyer about any statutes that apply to your case.

What's in the Handbook

Corporate Consumer Contacts

Many companies have consumer affairs or customer relations departments to answer questions or to help resolve consumer complaints. If you cannot resolve a complaint where you made the purchase, then contact company headquarters.

The addresses and telephone numbers of more than 600 companies are listed in the Corporate Consumer Contacts section of this Handbook, beginning on page 11. Many entries include toll-free "800" telephone numbers. Some companies have Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) for the hearing impaired. All "800" and "TDD" numbers are in bold type. If you write to the company, use the sample letter on page 3 as a guide for your own letter.

Car Manufacturers

Most foreign and American car manufacturers have regional offices which handle consumer complaints that are not resolved by your local car dealer. The list of Car Manufacturers begins on page 35.

Better Business Bureaus

Currently, there are about 180 Better Business Bureaus (BBBs) in the United States. These bureaus are non-profit organizations, sponsored by private, local businesses. They offer a variety of services. These services include: general information on products or services, reliability reports, background information on local businesses and organizations, and records of a company's compaint handling performance.

Each BBB has its own policy about reporting information. It may or may not tell you the nature of the complaint against a business, but all will tell you if a complaint has been registered. Many of the BBBs accept written complaints and will contact a firm on your behalf. BBBs do not judge or rate individual products or brands, handle complaints concerning the prices of goods or services, or give legal advice. However, many bureaus do offer binding arbitration, a form of dispute resolution, to those who ask for it. The Council of Better Business Bureaus, which is sponsored by national businesses, also offers consumer education programs and reports on charitable organizations.

The address for the Council and a list of BBBs operating in the United States begins on page 42.

Trade Associations and Other Dispute Resolution Programs

There are nearly 40,000 trade and professional associations in the United States which represent a variety of interests (including banks, insurance companies, clothing manufacturers) and professionals (such as accountants, lawyers, doctors, and therapists).

Some of these associations and their members have established programs to help consumers with complaints not resolved at the point of purchase.

These programs are usually called alternative dispute resolution programs. Generally, there are three types of programs: arbitration, conciliation, or mediation. All three methods of dispute resolution vary. Ask for a copy of the rules of the program before you file your case. Generally, the decisions of the arbitrators are binding and must be accepted by both the customer and the business. However, in other forms of dispute resolution, only the business is required to accept the decision. And in some programs, decisions are not binding on either party.

Trade associations have various consumer functions, which are described in the *National Trade & Professional Associations of the United States*. Check your local library for this book and related sources of help.

A list of Trade Associations and other Dispute Resolution Programs begins on page 45.

State, County, and City Government Consumer Offices

City and county consumer offices can be helpful because they are easy to contact and are familiar with local businesses and laws. If there is no local consumer office in your area, contact a state consumer office. State consumer offices are set up differently across the nation. Some states have a separate department of consumer affairs, while others have a consumer affairs office as part of the governor's office or attorney general's office. These offices will help or refer you to the proper agency.

If you have a consumer problem with a business outside the state where you live, you should contact the consumer office in the state where you made the purchase. When you contact any local or state consumer office, be sure to have handy copies of your sales receipts, other sales documents, and all correspondence with the company. A list of State, County, and City Government Consumer Protection Offices begins on page 48.

Many states also have special commissions and agencies which handle consumer questions and complaints about banks, insurance, utilities, vocational and rehabilitation services, and weights and measures. These agencies are listed separately, beginning on page 61.

In addition, a variety of other helpful community services may be available in your area. For example, county and state Cooperative Extension Services offer a variety of information about health, safety, product comparisons, financial planning, and nutritional needs. Information about these and other state and local services can be found at your library and in the telephone directory in the city, municipal, county or state government listings.

Selected Federal Agencies

Many Federal agencies have enforcement and/or complaint handling duties for products and services used by the general public. Others act for the benefit of the public, but do not resolve individual consumer problems.

Agencies also have fact sheets, booklets and other information that may be helpful in making purchase decisions and dealing with consumer problems. If you need help in deciding where to go with your consumer problem, check the index at the end of this book or call the nearest Federal Information Center listed on page 77.

The Federal agencies listed in the Selected Federal Agencies section, beginning on page 78, respond to consumer complaints and inquiries. A list of Federal agencies with Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD) begins on page 84.

Military Commissary and Exchange Contacts

Interested consumers will find a list of Military Commissary and Exchange Contacts on page 75. The list includes the regional offices and headquarters for all the Armed Forces Exchanges and Commissaries.

Other Sources of Help

Libraries

Local libraries can be a good source of help. Many of the publications mentioned in this Handbook can be found in public libraries. Some university and other private libraries allow individuals to use their reference materials, too. Check your local telephone directory for the location of nearby libraries.

Media Programs

Many local newspapers and radio and television stations throughout the United States have "Action-Line" or "Hot Line" services. These programs may be able to help consumers with their problems. Sometimes these programs are successful in helping to resolve consumer complaints because of their influence in communities. Some Action Lines select only the most severe problems, or those that occur most frequently. They may not be able to handle every complaint.

To find these services, check with your local newspapers, radio and television stations, or your local library.

Occupational and Professional Licensing Boards

Many state agencies license or register members of various professions, including: doctors, lawyers, nurses, accountants, pharmacists, funeral directors, plumbers, electricians, car repair shops, employment agencies, collection agencies, beauticians, and television and radio repair shops.

In addition to setting licensing standards, these boards also set rules and regulations; prepare and give examinations; issue, deny or revoke licenses; bring disciplinary actions; and handle consumer complaints.

Many boards have referral services or consumer education materials to help you select a professional. If you have a complaint and contact a licensing agency, the agency will contact the professional on your behalf. If necessary, they may conduct an investigation and take disciplinary action against the professional. This action may include probation, or license suspension or revocation.

To locate the local office of an occupational or professional licensing board, check your local telephone directory under the headings of Licensing Boards or Professional Associations, or look for the name of the individual agency. If there is no local office, contact the state consumer office.

Legal Help

Please note that some of the sources of help listed in the Consumer's Resource Handbook have a policy of declining complaints from consumers who have sought prior legal counsel.

Small Claims Courts

Small claims courts were established to resolve disputes involving claims for small debts and accounts. While the maximum amounts that can be claimed or awarded differ from state to state, court procedures generally are simple, inexpensive, quick and informal. Court fees are small, and you often get your filing fee back if you win your case. Generally, you will not need a lawyer. In fact, in some states, lawyers are not permitted. If you live in a state that allows lawyers and the party you are suing brings one, do not be intimidated. The court is informal and most judges make allowances for consumers who appear without lawyers.

Remember, even though the court is informal, the ruling must be followed, just like any other court.

If the party bringing the suit wins the case, the party who lost will often follow the court's decision without additional legal action. Sometimes, however, losing parties will not obey the decision. In these cases, the winning party may go back to court and ask for the order to be "enforced." Depending on local laws, the court may, for example, order property to be taken by law enforcement officials and sold. The winning party will get the money from the sale up to the amount they are owed. Or, if the person who owes the money receives a salary, the court may order the employer to garnish or deduct money from each paycheck and give it to the winner of the lawsuit.

Check your local telephone book under your municipal, county or state government headings for small claims court offices. When you contact the court, ask the court clerk how to use the small claims court. To better understand the process, sit in on a small claims court session before taking your case to court.

Legal Aid Offices

Legal Aid offices help individuals who cannot afford to hire private lawyers. There are more than 1,000 of these offices around the country, staffed by lawyers, paralegals, and law students. All offer free legal services to those who qualify.

Funding is provided by a variety of sources, including Federal, state and local governments and private donations. Many law schools nationwide conduct clinics where law students assist practicing lawyers with these cases as part of their training.

These offices generally offer legal assistance with problems such as landlord-tenant relations, credit, utilities, family issues (such as divorce and adoption), social security, welfare, unemployment, and workmen's compensation. Each Legal Aid office has its own board of directors which determines the priorities of the office and the kinds of cases handled. If the Legal Aid office in your area does not handle your type of case, it should be able to refer you to other local, state or national organizations that can provide advice or help. Check the telephone directory or call your local consumer protection office to find the address and telephone number of the Legal Aid office near you.

Legal Services Corporation

The Legal Services Corporation (LSC) was created by Congress in 1974. There are LSC offices in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and Micronesia. Check the telephone directory for the LSC office nearest you or call the Federal Information Center (FIC) listed on page 77. Or call the LSC Public Affairs Office at (202) 863-4089. If you wish to buy a full directory of all LSC programs, write or call:

Public Affairs Legal Services Corporation 400 Virginia Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20024-2751 (202) 863-4089

Private Lawyers

If you need help finding a lawyer, check with the Lawyer Referral Service of your state, city or county bar association listed in local telephone directories.

Complaints about a lawyer should be referred to your state, county or city bar association.

Other Consumer Information

Consumer Credit Counseling Services

Counseling services provide assistance to individuals having difficulty budgeting their money and/or meeting necessary monthly expenses. Many organizations, including credit unions, family service centers and religious organizations, offer some type of free or low-cost credit counseling.

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) is one non-profit organization that provides money management techniques, debt payment plans and educational programs. Counselors take into consideration the needs of the client, as well as the needs of the creditor, when working out a debt repayment plan. You can find the CCCS office nearest you by contacting the National Foundation for Consumer Credit, Inc., 8701 Georgia Avenue, Suite 507, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 589-5600.

Consumer Groups

Private and voluntary consumer organizations are usually created to advocate specific consumer interests. In some communities they will help individual consumers with complaints. To find out if such a group is in your community, contact your state or local consumer protection office. A list of these offices begins on page 48.

Consumer Information Catalog

The Consumer Information Catalog lists more than 200 free or low-cost Federal booklets on a variety of topics, many of which may be helpful in addressing consumer complaints or problems. Topics include: careers and education, child care, Federal benefits, financial planning, gardening, health, housing, small business, travel, hobbies, cars, etc. This free Catalog is published quarterly by the Consumer Information Center, and may be ordered by sending your name and address to: Catalog, Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, CO 81009.

Consumer Tips from Eubie Smart

This section contains some tips to help you become a better consumer. It includes suggestions about how to choose child care, find the best school for you or your child, protect your privacy and tips about many other consumer topics.

Remember to check with your local consumer protection office and Better Business Bureau. They can help you, too. Their addresses are listed in Part II of this Handbook.



Selecting Child Care

Choosing child care is an important issue for parents. Here are some questions parents may want to ask when looking for child care:

- 1. What are the licensing laws for day care providers in your city, county or state? Your local consumer protection office is a good place to check for this information.
- 2. Do caregivers have references? What about special training in child development and education? How many children does each adult look after?
- 3. Is the home or center clean? Is there enough space inside and outside for the children to play? Is the play-ground fenced?
- 4. If the center is large, do visitors and children sign in and out? What are the safety precautions in case of fire or other emergencies?
- 5. What about sick children? Do they stay home? What if a child needs medical helo?
- 6. How does the staff discipline children? How much of each day is filled with planned activities? Are activities geared to childrens' ages and development?

7. What are the fees for half-days, overtime or sick children?

- 8. Are kids' pictures or projects hung up and changed often?
- 9. Do caregivers tell you what your child did that day? How he or she is doing overall?

After your child is in a program, you may wish to ask:

- 1. Does your child talk happily about the program?
- 2. Do you know new employees? Do they talk to your child?

Employers may wish to contact the Department of Labor's Women's Bureau Work and Family Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse can provide information about child or elder care. For more information call: (202) 523-4486.

Protecting Personal Privacy

Here are some tips about how you can protect the privacy of your credit, medical, and insurance records:

- 1. When you are filling out an application for credit, insurance or a job, ask how the information you give about yourself will be used. Who has access to it? Is your mailing address sold to other companies? How long is the information kept? How often is it updated?
- 2. The Direct Marketing Association (DMA) operates the Mail Preference Service and the Telephone Preference Service. If you wish to have your name removed from nationally-based advertising lists, write to these services. The addresses are listed on page 46 of this Handbook.
- 3. Credit bureaus keep records about how you pay your bills, how much credit you have, etc. For a small fee, you can find out what's in your credit record and the names of the companies that have asked for information about you. If you are turned down for credit, there is no cost to learn what's in your credit report. The creditor will tell you which credit bureau to write or call.
- 4. If you find a mistake in your credit report, the credit bureau must check it and correct it for you. Any negative information that cannot be proven must be removed. However, correct information about late payments can stay on your record for seven years. More severe credit problems such as bankruptcies can stay on your record for up to 10 years. You can also add your own 100-word statement of explanation for a credit problem to your file.



Choosing A School

Whether you are looking for a school for your child or looking to improve your own skills, aducation is an investment decision that should be made carefully.

Choosing a school for a child:

- 1. There are many types of schools; magnet schools, public schools, private schools, etc.
- 2. Every child learns differently. Choose the school that best meets your child's learning style.
 - 3. Become involved in your child's education and school.
- 4. Public schools are grouped into local city or county school districts. Check with your local consumer protection office or look in the telephone book to find the address of your local school district office.
- 5. The Department of Education has published a booklet, "Choosing a School for Your Child." Free copies of the booklet may be ordered by writing: Choosing a School, Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

Choosing a job training program:

- 1. If you are looking for a job training program, avoid scams by checking with your local consumer protection office or Better Business Bureau before you enroll.
- 2. Before going back to school, check to see if local employers or others offer similar training for free.
- 3. Be sure the skills the school teaches will be useful to you and are currently being used in the workplace.
- 4. If you must learn how to use equipment, does the school have enough equipment so every student can practice using it? Is the equipment up-to-date?

- 5. How many recent students graduated? How many found jobs in their fields? Did the school help them find jobs, and how long did it take? How do current and past students feel about the school's program?
- 6. Will the program improve your math, reading and thinking skills? Will it teach you how to keep learning after graduation?
- 7. Does the program include on-the-job training? Do teachers work with industry and update their skills regularly?
- 8. Do you have to take out a loan to pay for the program? Who pays back the loan if the school doesn't deliver on its promises?

Paying for Job Training or College:

There are several sources of financial aid: scholarships, grants and loans. Scholarships and grants **do not** have to be paid back. Loans **do** have to be paid back. The Department of Education oversees Federal financial aid programs for job training or college.

- 1. Check with your local library for information about financial aid. Also check with the school about its financial aid programs.
- 2.The Department of Education can answer your questions about how to apply-for Federal financial aid, how to solve loan problems or how to report possible fraud. The Department's addresses are on page 78 of this Handbook.
- 3. Remember that loans must be paid back. Because of the large number of students who do not pay back their loans, the Department of Education and other financial aid providers have adopted stiff penalties for those who do not pay back the loans.

Home Improvements

- 1. Compare costs by getting more than one estimate. Each estimate should be based on the same building specifications, materials and time frame.
- 2. Before choosing a contractor, check with state, county, or local consumer protection agencies to see if a large number of complaints have been filed against the contractor.
- 3. Check with your local housing authority to see if licensing and/or bonding are required of contractors in your area. If so, ask to see the contractor's license and bonding papers.
- 4. Be sure the written contract includes the contractor's full name, address, phone number and professional license number (where required). The contract should also include a thorough description of the work to be done, the grade and quality of materials to be used, the agreed upon starting and completion dates, the total cost, payment schedule, warranty, how debris will be removed and any other agreement information. Never sign a partially blank contract. Fill in or draw a line through any blank spaces.
- 5. Most contractors have liability and compensation insurance to protect the customer from a lawsuit in the event of an accident. Ask to see a copy of the insurance certificate.

- 6. If the work requires a building permit, let the contractor apply for it in his name. That way, if the work does not pass inspection, you are not financially responsible for any corrections tr.at must be made.
- 7. When you sign a non-emergency home improvement contract in your home and in the presence of a contractor (or contractor's representative), you usually have three business days in which to cancel the contract. You must be told about your cancellation rights and be provided with cancellation forms. If you decide to cancel, it is recommended that you send a notice of cancellation by telegram or certified mail, return receipt requested.
- 8. For a large remodeling job that involves many subcontractors and a substantial financial commitment, it is wise to protect yourself from liens against your home in the event the contractor does not pay subcontractors or suppliers. Add a release-of-lien clause to the contract or place your payments in an escrow account until the work is completed.
- 9. If you cannot pay for a project without a loan, add a clause to your contract stating it is valid only if financing is obtained.
- 10. Thoroughly inspect the contractor's work before making final payment or signing a completion certificate.

Credit Cards

- 1. Keep a list of your credit card numbers, expiration dates, and the phone number of each card issuer in a safe place.
- 2. Credit card issuers offer a wide variety of terms (annual percentage rate, methods of alculating the balance subject to the finance charge, minimum monthly payments, and actual membership fees). When selecting a card, compare the terms offered by several card issuers to find the card that best suits your needs.
- 3. When you use your credit card, watch your card after giving it to a clerk. Take your card back promptly after the clerk is finished with it and make sure it's yours.
- 4. Tear up the carbons when you take your credit card receipt.
- 5. Never sign a blank receipt. Draw a line through any blank spaces above the total when you sign receipts.
- 6. Open credit card bills promptly and compare them with your receipts to check for unauthorized charges and billing errors.
- 7. Write the card issuer promptly to report any questionable charges. Written inquiries should not be included with your payment. Instead, check the billing statement for the correct address for billing questions. The inquiry must be in writing and must be sent within 60 days to guarantee your rights under the Fair Credit Billing Act.



- 8. Never give your credit card number over the telephone unless you made the call. Never put your card number on a post card or on the outside of an envelope.
- Sign new cards as soon as they arrive. Cut up and throw away expired cards. Cut up and return unwanted cards to the issuer.
- 10. If any of your credit cards are missing or stolen, report the loss as soon as possible to the card issuer. Check your credit card statement for a telephone number for reporting stolen credit cards. Follow up your phone calls with a letter to each card issuer. The letter should contain your card number, the date the card was missing, and the date you called in the loss.
- 11. If you report the loss before a credit card is used, the issuer cannot hold you responsible for any subsequent unauthorized charges. If a thief uses your card before you report it missing, the most you will owe for unauthorized charges on each card is \$50.

Tips for Shopping by Mail, by Telephone, and by Television

Today there are many ways to buy products or services. Many consumers buy items through mail order or by telephone or even from television shopping programs.

Keep these tips in mind:

- 1. Be suspicious of exaggerated product claims or very low prices, and read product descriptions very carefully—sometimes pictures of products are misleading.
- 2. If you have any doubts about the company, check with the U.S. Postal Service, your state or local consumer protection agency or Better Business Bureau before ordering.
- 3. Ask about the firm's return policy. If it is not stated, ask before you order. For example, does the company pay charges for shipping and return? Is a warranty or guarantee available? Does the company sometimes substitute comparable goods for the product you want to order?
- 4. Keep a complete record of your order; including the company's name, address and telephone number, the price of the items ordered, any handling or other charges, the date you mailed (or telephoned) in the order, and your method of payment. Keep copies of canceled checks and/or statements.

- 5. It you order by mail, your order should be shipped within 30 days after the company receives your complete order, unless another period is agreed upon when placing the order or is stated in an advertisement. If your order is delayed, a notice of delay should be sent to you within the promised shipping period along with an option to cancel the order.
- 6. If you buy a product through a television shopping program, check the cost of the same item sold by other sources, including local stores, catalogs, etc.
- 7. If you want to buy a product based on a telephone call from the company, ask for the name, address, and phone number where you can reach the caller after considering the offer.
- 8. Never give your credit card or social security number over the telephone as proof of your identity.
- 9. Postal regulations allow you to write a check payable to the sender, rather than the delivery company, for cash on delivery (C.O.D.) orders. If, after examining the merchandise, you feel there has been misrepresentation or fraud, you can stop payment on the check and file a complaint with the U.S. Postal Inspector's Office (see page 83 of this Handbook for the address).
- 10. You can have a charge removed from your bill if you did not receive the goods or services or if your order was obtained through misrepresentation or fraud. You must notify the credit card company in writing, at the billing inquiries/disputes address, within 60 days after the charge first appeared on your bill.



Corporate Consumer Contacts

This section will help you resolve a complaint about a service or product. First, be sure to go back to the place where you bought the product or service. Try to resolve the complaint with the seller. If that does not work, the next step is to write or call the company's headquarters.

This section lists the names and addresses of almost 600 corporate headquarters, and in many cases, the name of the person to contact. Most listings also include toll-free "800" numbers. Unless otherwise noted, the toll-free "800" numbers can be used from anywhere in the continental United States.

In some cases, you will see a company name or brand name listed with the instructions to see another company listed elsewhere in this section. For example: Admiral, see Maycor.

Questions about Admiral products should be directed to the consumer contact at Maycor because Maycor handles the complaints for the Admiral brand. If you do not find the product name in this section, check the product label or warranty for the name and address of the manufacturer. Public libraries also have information that might be helpful. The Standard & Poor's Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives, the Trade Names Directory and the Standard Directory of Advertisers are three sources that list information about most firms. If you cannot find the name of the manufacturer, the Thomas Register of American Manufacturers lists the manufacturers of thousands of products.

Remember, to save time, first take your complaint back to where you bought the product. If you contact the company's headquarters first, the consumer contact will probably direct you back to the local store where you bought the product.

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All of the toll-free "800" numbers can be reached from

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If the regional office cannot resolve the problem, you may wish to contact a dispute resolution program. A list of these programs begins on page 45.

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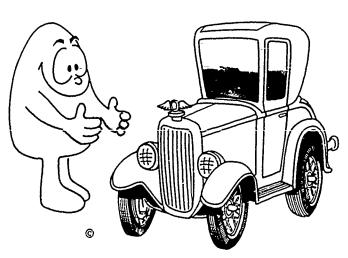
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Used Cars

- 1. Look for and read the "buyer's guide," which must be displayed in the window of all used cars sold by dealers. The buyer's guide explains who must pay for repairs after purchase. It will tell you if there is a warranty on the car, what the warranty covers, and whether a service contract is available.
- 2. Comparison shop for price, condition, warranty, and mileage for the model(s) you are interested in buying. Also compare available interest rates and other terms of financing agreements.
- 3. To estimate the total cost of the car, add in any interest rates for financing, the cost of a service contract (if any), and any service or repair expenses you will be likely to pay.
- 4. Before buying the car, you might want to consider having a mechanic inspect it.
- 5. Check the reliability of the dealer with your state or local consumer protection agency. Also check the local Better Business Bureau to see if there are a large number of complaints against the dealer.
- 6. When purchasing a used car from someone other than a dealer, get a bill of sale, the proper title and registration, and copies of all financial transactions.

Car Repair

- 1. Before having your car repaired, check the shop's complaint record with your state or local consumer protection office or local Better Business Bureau.
- 2. Describe the problems you are having with the car as completely as possible. Tell the mechanic exactly what you want done.
- 3. Before you leave the car, make sure the work order reflects what you want done.
- 4. Ask for a written estimate before any major repair work is done. Make sure the work order says that you must approve any additional repair work.
- 5. If additional work is done without your permission, you don't have to pay for the unapproved work, and you have the right to have your bill adjusted.
 - 6. Ask to inspect and/or keep all replaced parts.
- 7. Keep copies of all work orders and receipts and get all warranties in writing.
- 8. Many states have "lemon" laws for new cars that have recurring problems. Contact your local or state consumer protection office for more details.



Better Business Bureaus

Better Business Bureaus (BBBs) are non-profit organizations sponsored by local businesses. BBBs offer a variety of consumer services. For example, they can provide consumer education materials, answer consumer questions, help with complaints, and provide general information about

a company's consumer complaint record. If you need help with a consumer question or complaint, call your local BBB to ask about their services. This list includes the local BBBs in the United States. The National Headquarters can give you the addresses for BBBs in Canada and Israel.

National Headquarters

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316 Essex Street Lawrence, MA 01840 (508) 687-7666

293 Bridge Street, Suite 324 Springfield, MA 01103 (413) 734-3114

P.O. Box 379 Worcester, MA 01601 (508) 755-2548

Michigan

150 Michigan Avenue **Detroit,** MI 48226 (313) 962–7566 (inquiries) (313) 962–6785 (complaints)

620 Trust Building Grand Rapids, MI 49503 (616) 774-8236

Minnesota

1745 University Avenue **St. Paul, MN** 55104 (612) 646-7700

Mississippi

2917 West Beach Blvd, #103 Biloxi, MS 39531 (601) 374-2222

105 Fifth Street Columbus, MS 39701 (601) 327-8594

P.O. Box 390 **Jackson**, MS 39205-0390 (601) 948-8222

Missouri

306 East 12th Street Suite 1024 Kansas City, MO 64106 (816) 421-7800

5100 Oakland, Suite 200 St. Louis, MO 63110 (314) 531-3300

205 Park Central, East, #509 Springfield, MO 65806 (417) 862-9231

Nebraska

719 North 48th Street Lincoln, NE 68504 (402) 467-5261

1613 Farnam Street Omaha, NE 68102 (402) 346-3033

Nevada

1022 E. Sahara Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89104 (702) 735-6900, 1969

P.O. Box 21269 Reno, NV 89505 (702) 322-0657

New Hampshire

410 South Main Street Concord, NH 03301 (603) 224-1991 1 (800) 852-3757 (toll free in NH)

New Jersey

1700 Whitehorse Hamilton Square Trenton, NJ 08690 (609) 588-0808 (Mercer County) (201) 536-6306 (Monmouth County) (201) 329-6855 (Middlesex, Somerset and Hunderton counties)

34 Park Place Newark, NJ 07102 (201) 642-INFO

Two Forest Avenue **Paramus,** NJ 07652 (201) 845-4044

1721 Route #37, East Toms River, NJ 08753 (201) 270-5577

New Mexico

4600-A Montgomery, NE, #200 Albuquerque, NM 87109 (505) 884-0500 1 (800) 445-1461 (toll free in NM)

308 North Locke Farmington, NM 87401 (505) 326-6501

2407 W. Pičačho, Suite B-2 Las Cruces, NM 88005 (505) 524-3130

1210 Luisa Street, Suite 5 Santa Fe, NM 87502 (505) 988-3648

New York

346 Delaware Avenue **Buffalo**, NY 14202 (716) 856-7180

266 Main Street Farmingdale, NY 11735 (516) 420-0500

257 Park Avenue, South New York, NY 10010 (212) 533-6200

1122 Sibley Tower Rochester, NY 14604 (716) 546-6776

100 University Building **Syracuse**, NY 13202 (315) 479-6635

120 East Main Street **Wappinger Falls,** NY 12590 (914) 297-6550

30 Glenn Street White Plains, NY 10603 (914) 428-1230, 1231

North Carolina

801 BBB&T Building Asheville, NC 28801 (704) 253-2392 1130 East 3rd Street Suite 400 Charlotte, NC 28204 (704) 332-7151 1 (800) 532-0477 (toll free in NC)

3608 West Friendly Avenue **Greensboro**, NC 27410 (919) 852-4240, 4241, 4242

P.O. Box 1882 Hickory, NC 28603 (704) 464-0372

3120 Poplarwood Drive Suite 101 Raleigh, NC 27604-1080 (919) 872-9240

2110 Cloverdale Avenue, #2-B **Winston-Salem**, NC 27103 (919) 725-8348

Ohio

P.O. Box 80593 Akron, OH 44308 (216) 253-4590

1434 Cleveland Avenue, N.W. **Canton**, OH 44703 (216) 454-9401

898 Walnut Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 (513) 421-3015

2217 East 9th St., Suite 200 Cleveland, OH 441 i5 (216) 241-7678

527 South High Street **Columbus**, OH 43215 (614) 221-6336

40 West Fourth Street Suite 1250 Dayton, OH 45402 (513) 222-5825 1 (800) 521-8357 (toll free in OH)

P.O. Box 269 Lima, OH 45802 (419) 223-7010

P.O. Box 1706 **Mansfield,** OH 44910 (419) 522-1700

425 Jefferson Avenue Suite 909 Toledo, OH 43604 (419) 241-6276

345 N. Market Wooster, OH 44691 (216) 263-6444

P.O. Box 1495 Youngstown, OH 44501 (216) 744-3111

Oklahoma

17 South Dewey Oklahoma City, OK 73102 (405) 239-6860 (inquiries) (405) 239-6081 (inquiries) (405) 239-6083 (complaints)

6711 S. Yale, Suite 230 Tulsa, OK 71436 (918) 492-1266

Oregon

601 S.W. Alder St., Suite 615 Portland, OR 97205 (503) 226-3981

Pennsylvania

528 North New Street **Bethlehem**, PA 18018 (215) 866-8780

6 Marion Court Lancaster, PA 17602 (717) 291-1151 (717) 232-2800 (Harrisburg) (717) 846-2700 (York County)

P.O. Box 2297 Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 496-1000

610 Smithfield Street Pittsburgh, PA 15222 (412) 456-2700

P.O. Box 993 Scranton, PA 18501 (717) 342-9129

Puerto Rico

G.P.O. Box 70212 San Juan, PR 00936 (809) 756-5400

Rhode Island

Bureau Park P.O. Box 1300 **Warwick**, RI 02887-1300 (401) 785-1212 (inquiries) (401) 785-1213 (complaints)

South Carolina

1830 Bull Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803) 254-2525

311 Pettigru Street Greenville, SC 29601 (803) 242-5052

P.O. Box 8603 Myrtle Beach, SC 29578-8603 (803) 448-6100

Tennessee

P.O. Box 1176 TCAS Blountville, TN 37617 (615) 323-6311

1010 Market Street, Suite 200 Chattanooga, TN 37402 (615) 266-6144 (615) 479-6096 (Bradley County only) (615) 266-6144 (serves north Georgia counties of Whitfield and Murray only)

P.O. 10327 **Knoxville**, TN 37939-0327 (615) 522-2552, 2130, 2139

P.O. Box 41406 Memphis, TN 38174-1406 (901) 272-9641

One Commerce Place Suite 1830 Nashville, TN 37239 (615) 254-5872

Texas

3300 S. 14th St., Suite 307 **Abilene**, TX 79605 (915) 691–1533

P.O. Box 1905 Amarillo, TX 79106 (806) 358-6222

1005 American Plaza Austin, TX 78701 (512) 476-1616

P.O. Box 2988 Beaumont, TX 77704 (409) 835-5348

202 Varisco Building Bryan, TX 77801 (409) 823-8148, 8149

4535 S. Padre Island Drive **Corpus Christi**, TX 78411 (512) 854–2892

2001 Bryan Street, Suite 850 **Dallas**, TX 75201 (214) 220-2000

1910 East Yandell El Paso, TX 79903 (915) 545-1212, 1264

106 West Fifth Street Fort Worth, TX 76102 (817) 332-7585

2707 North Loop West Suite 900 Houston, TX 77008 (713) 868-9500

P.O. Box 1178 Lubbock, TX 79401 (806) 763-0459

P.O. Box 60206 Midland, TX 79711 (915) 563-1880 1 (800) 592-4433 (toll free in TX)

P.O. Box 3366 San Angelo, TX 76902-3366 (915) 653-2318

1800 Northeast Loop 410, #400 San Antonio, TX 78217 (512) 828-9441 P.O. Box 6652 **Tyler,** TX 75711-6652 (214) 581-5704

P.O. Box 7203 **Waco,** TX 76714-7203 (817) 772-7530

P.O. Box 69 **Weslaco**, TX 78596 (512) 968-3678

1106 Brook Avenue Wichita Falls, TX 76301 (817) 723-5526

Utah

385 24th Street, Suite 717 **Ogden**, UT 84401 (801) 399-4701

1589 South Main Salt Lake City, UT 84115 (801) 487-4656 (801) 377-2611 (Provo)

Virginia

3608 Tidewater Drive **Norfolk,** VA 23509 (804) 627–5651

701 East Franklin, Suite 712 Richmond, VA 23219 (804) 648-9016

121 W. Campbell Avenue, S.W. **Roanoke**, VA 24011 (703) 342–3455

Washington

127 West Canal Drive **Kennewick,** WA 99336 (509) 582-0222

2200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 828 Seattle, WA 98121 - 1857 (206) 448-8888

South 176 Stevens Street **Spokane**, WA 99204 (509) 747-1155

P.O. Box 1274 Tacoma, WA 98401 (206) 383-5561

P.O. Box 1584 Yakima, WA 98907 (509) 248-1326

Wisconsin

740 North Plankinton Avenue **Milwaukee**, WI 53202 (414) 273-1600 (inquiries) (414) 273-0123 (complaints)

-Wyoming

BBB/Idaho Falls Lincoln Park & Teton Counties (208) 523-9754

BBB/Fort Collins All other Wyoming counties 1 (800) 873-3222 (toll free)

Trade Associations and Other Resolution Programs

Companies which manufacture similar products or offer similar services often belong to industry associations which help resolve problems between their member companies and consumers. Depending on the industry, you may have to contact an association, a service council or a consumer action program.

If you have a problem with a company and cannot get it resolved with the company, ask if the company is a member of an association. Then check this list to see if the association is

listed. If the name of the association is not included on this list check with a local library.

This list includes the names and addresses of the associations and other dispute resolution programs that handle consumer complaints for their members. In some cases, the national organizations listed here can refer you to dispute resolution programs near you. Remember, before contacting one of these programs, try to resolve the complaint by contacting the company.

Ms. Ann Lawrence, Director Education and Conventions

American Apparel Manufacturers Association

2500 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 301 Arlington, VA 22201 (703) 524–1864 Membership: Manufacturers of clothing.

Public Relations Director

American Arbitration Association

140 West 51st Street
New York, NY 10020
(212) 484-4006
Private, non-profit organization with 35
regional offices across the country.
Provides consumer information on
request. Check local telephone directory
for listing. If there is no office in your
area, write or call the office listed above.

American Automobile Association

8111 Gatehouse Road, Room 535 Falls Church, VA 22047 (703) 222-6446 Membership: Automobile clubs. 1 (800) 222-3717 (toll free Hyundai customers) 1 (800) 531-4331 (toll free Toyota customers)

American Bar Association

Standing Committee on Dispute
Resolution
1800 M Street, N.W.
Suite 200 S
Washington, D.C. 20036
(202) 331–2258
Publishes a directory of state and local
alternative dispute resolution programs.
Provides consumer information on
request.

Mr. David Peterson Administrative Vice President **American Collectors**

Association

ASSOCIATION
4040 West 70th Street
P.O. Box 35106
Minneapolis, MN 55435
(612) 926-6547
Membership: Collection services
handling overdue accounts for retail,
professional, and commercial credit
grantors.

Information Department American Council of Life Insurance

1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20004-2599 (written inquiries only) Membership: Life insurance companies authorized to do business in the United States.

Ms. Jane Marden
Director, Consumer Affairs
Ms. Lisa Hill Williams
Director, Community Affairs
American Gas Association

1515 Wilson Boulevard Arlington, VA 22209 (703) 841~8583 Membership: Distributors and transporters of natural gas.

American Health Care Association

1201 L Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 842–4444
Membership: State associations of long-term health care facilities.
1 (800) 321-0343
(toll free publications only)

American Hotel and Motel Association

1201 New York Avenue, N.W. Suite 600 Washington, DC 20005 (written inquiries only) Membership: State and regional hotel associations.

Mr. Herbert A. Finkston, Director Professional Ethics Division

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

1211 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10036 (212) 575–6209 Membership: Professional society of accountants certified by the states and territories, Mr. James Ralph Vice President

American Newspaper Publishers Assn. Credit Bureau Inc.

P.O. Box 17022
Dulles International Airport
Washington, DC 20041
(703) 648-1038
Investigates fraudulent advertising
published in newspapers.

Ms. Carolyn Friede
Director, Consumer Affairs
American Society of Travel
Agents, Inc.

P.O. Box 23992 Washington, DC 20026 (703) 739~2782 Membership: Travel agents.

Mr. James A. Morrissey
Director, Communications Division
American Textile Manufacturers
Institute

1801 K Street, N.W.
Suite 900
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 862-0552
Membership: Textile mills which
manufacture and process cotton, manmade, wool, and slik textile products.

Manager Consumer Affairs

Automotive Consumer Action Program (AUTOCAP) 8400 Westpark Drive

MoLean, VA 22102
(703) 821 – 7144
Third-party dispute resolution program administered through the National Automobile Dealers Association.
Consumer information available on request.

BBB AUTO LINE

Council of Better Business Bureaus 4200 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 300 Arlington, VA 22203 (703) 276-0100 Third-party dispute resolution program for AMC, Audi, General Motors and its divisions, Honda, Jeep, Nissan, Peugeot, Porsche, Renault, SAAB, and Volkswagen.

Better Hearing Institute

P.O. Box 1840 Washington, DC 20013 (703) 642-0580

1 (800) EAR-WELL (toll free nationwide) Membership: Professionals and others who help persons with impaired hearing. Provides voluntary mediation between consumers and hearing aid dispensers.

Consumer Affairs

Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

Metro Square-Phase II 655 15th Street, NW Suite 350 Washington, DC 20005 (202) 626-4780 Membership: Local Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans in the United States, Canada, and Jamaica.

Ms. Caroline C. Ortado

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BOAT/U.S.)

Administrator
Consumer Protection Bureau
880 South Pickett Street
Alexandria, VA 22304
(703) 823–9550
Consumer Protection Bureau serves as a
mediator in disputes between boat
owners and the marine industry.
BOAT/U.S. also works closely with the
U.S. Coast Guard to monitor
safety defect problems.

Mr. Richard N. Hopper Director of Governmental Affairs

Carpet and Rug Institute

1155 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Suite 500
Washington, DC 20036
(written inquiries only)
Membership: Manufacturers of carpets, rugs, bath mats, and bedspreads; suppliers of raw materials and services to the industry.

Mr. Robert M. Fells Assistant Secretary

Cemetery Consumer Service Council

P.O. Box 3574
Washington, DC 20007
(703) 379–6426
Industry-sponsored dispute resolution program. Other consumer information about cemetery practices and rules available on request.

Chrysler Motors Customer Relations

National Office 26311 Lawrence Avenue Center Line, MI 48288 1 (800) 992-1997 (toll free) Ms. Lorna Christie, Director Ethics and Consumer Affairs

Direct Marketing Association (DMA)

6 East 43rd Street
New York, NY 10017
(written complaints only)
Membership: Members who market
goods and services directly to consumers
using direct mail, catalogs, telemarketing,
magazine and newspaper ads, and
broadcast advertising.

DMA operates the Mail Order Action Line, the Mail Preference Service, and the Telephone Preference Service.

For problems with a mail order company write: Mail Order Action Line 6 East 43rd Street New York, NY 10017

To remove your name from a nationally-based advertising list write:

Mail Preference Service
P.O. Box 3861
Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

To remove your name from a nationally-based telephone solicitation list write: Telephone Preference Service 6 East 43rd Street New York, NY 10017

Mr. William Rogal Code Administrator

Direct Selling Association

1776 K Street, N.W., Suite 600 Washington, DC 20006 (202) 293-5760 Membership: Manufacturers and distributors selling consumer products door-to-door and through home-party plans.

Ms. Mary Ann Bernald Manager, Consumer Affairs Edison Electric Institute

1111 19th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 778-6560
Membership: Investor-owned electric utility companies operating in the United States.

Ms. Sally Browne
Executive Director, Consumer Affairs
Electronic Industries
Association

Consumer Electronics Group
2001 Eye Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 457-4977
Membership: Manufacturers of electronic
parts, tubes, and solid state components;
radio, television and video systems; audio
equipment; and communications
electronic products.

Ford Consumer Appeals Board

P.O. Box 1805 Dearborn, MI 48126 (313) 337–6950 1 (800) 241-8450 (toll free outside MI)

Funeral Service Consumer Arbitration Program (FSCAP)

11121 West Oklahoma Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53227 (414) 541-2500 Third-party dispute resolution program sponsored by the National Funeral Directors Association,

Ms. Carole M. Rogin
Director, Market Development
Hearing Industries Association
1255 23rd Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20037
(202) 833–1411
Membership: Companies engaged in the manufacture and or sale of electronic hearing aids, their components, parts, and related products and services on a national basis.

Home Owners Warranty Cooperation (HOW) Operation Center

P.O. Box 152087 Irving, TX 75015-2087 1 (800) 433-7657 (toll free nationwide) Third-party dispute resolution program for new homes built by HOW-member home builders.

Director, Consumer Affairs
Insurance Information Institute

110 William Street New York, NY 10038 (212) 669–9200 (call collect in NY) 1 (800) 221–4954 (toll free) Membership: Property and liability insurance companies.

National Headquarters
International Association

for Financial Planning

2 Concourse Parkway, Suite 800 Altanta, GA 30328 (404) 395–1605 Membership: Individuals involved in financial planning.

Mr. Jack C. Thompson, Director Subscription Inquiry Service Magazine Publishers of

America

575 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10022
(212) 752–0055
(written complaints only)
Membership: Publishers of 1,000
consumer and other magazines issued
not less than four times a year.

Major Appliance Consumer Action Panel (MACAP)

20 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606
(312) 984-5858
1 (800) 621-0477 (toll free outside IL)
Third-party dispute resolution program of the major appliance industry.

Mr. John E. Dianis Executive Vice President Monument Builders of North

America
1612 Central Street
Evanston, IL 60201
(312) 869–2031
Membership: Cemetery monument
retailers, manufacturers, and wholesalers;
bronze manufacturers and suppliers.
Consumer brochures available on

Ms. Sharron Ritch Media Relations Coordinator/Consumer Affairs

request.

Mortgage Bankers Association of America

1125 15th Street, N.W.
7th Floor
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 861–1929
Membership: Mortgage banking firms,
commercial banks, life insurance
companies, title companies, and savings
and loan associations.

National Advertising Division (NAD)

Council of Better Business Bureaus
845 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10022
(212) 754-1320
Program: Handles consumer complaints
about fraudulent and deceptive
advertising.

Mr. William Young, Director Consumer Affairs/Public Liaison National Association

of Home Builders 15th and M Streets, N.W.

Washington, DC 20005 (202) 822–0409 1 (800) 568-5242 (toll free outside D.C.) Membership: Single and multi-family home builders, commercial builders, and others associated with the building industry.

National Association of Personnel Consultants

3133 Mt. Vernon Avenue Alexandria, VA 22303 (703) 684–0180 Membership: Private employment agencies. Consumer Arbitration Center National Association of Securities Dealers. Inc.

33 Whitehall Street
10th Floor
New York City, NY 10004
(212) 858-4000
Third-party dispute resolution for
complaints about over-the-counter stocks
and corporate bonds.

Accrediting Commission

National Association of Trade and Technical Schools

2251 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20007
(202) 333-1021
(written inquiries only)
Membership: Private schools providing job training.

Mr. Lawrence Graham Consumer Affairs

National Food Processors Association

1401 New York Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20005 (202) 639–5939 Membership: Commercial packers of food products, such as fruit, vegetables, meat, poultry, seafood, and canned, frozen, dehydrated, pickled, and other preserved food items.

Ms. Deb Deutsch Manager, Compliance

National Futures Association

200 West Madison Street Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 781-1410 1 (800) 621-3570 (toll free outside IL) Membership: Futures commission merchants; commodity trading advisers; commodity pool operators; brokers and associated individuals.

Mr. Casey Floyd Assistant to Executive Director National Home Study Council

1601 18th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20009 (written inquiries only) Membership: Home study (correspondence) schools.

National Tire Dealers and Retreaders Association

1250 Eye Street, N.W.
Suite 400
Washington, DC 20005
(202) 789–2300
1 (800) 876-8372 (toll free)
Membership: Independent tire dealers and retreaders.

Department of Consumer Affairs

National Turkey Federation

11319 Sunset Hills Road
Reston, VA 22090
(written inquiries only)
Membership: Turkey growers, turkey
hatcheries, turkey breeders, processors,
marketers, and allied industry firms and
poultry distributors.

Office of the National Ombudsman
National Committee for
Employer Support of the Guard
and Reserve

Suite 414

1111 20th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036–3407
(202) 653–0852
1 (800) 336–4590
(toll free nationwide, except in D.C.)
Provides assistance with
employer/employee problems for
members of the Guard and Reserve and
their employers.

Mr. Craig Halverson Assistant Executive Director Photo Marketing Association

3000 Picture Place
Jackson, MI 42901
(written complaints only)
Membership: Retailers of photo
equipment, film, and supplies; firms

Mrs. Jane Meyer
Director of Consumer Affairs
The Soan and Determen

developing and printing film.

The Soap and Detergent Association

475 Park Avenue South
New York, NY 10016
(212) 725-1262
Membership: Manufacturers of soap,
detergents, fatty acids, and glycerine; raw
materials suppliers.

Ms. Diane Cardinale Assistant Communications Director **Toy Manufacturers of America** 200 Fifth Avenue, Room 740 New York, NY 10010

(212) 675–1141 Membership: American toy manufacturers

Mr. Robert E. Whitley, President
U.S. Tour Operators Association
(USTOA)

211 East 51st Street
Suite 12-B
New York, NY 10022
(212) 944-5727
Membership: Wholesale tour operators,
common carriers, suppliers, and
providers of travel services.

State, County, and City Government Consumer Protection Offices

State and local consumer protection offices can help you with consumer questions or problems. They are a good source of information because many of them enforce consumer protection and fraud laws. State and local consumer protection offices can help you resolve consumer complaints, and they often provide consumer education information.

If you want to file a complaint, call your local consumer protection office to learn what you need to do.

This list is arranged in alphabetical order by state name. The state name, the city name and any toll-free "800" numbers and TDD numbers are printed in bold type.

Alabama

Mr. Dennis Wright, Acting Director Consumer Protection Division Office of Attorney General 11 South Union Street Montgomery, AL 36130 (205) 261-7334 1 (800) 392-5658 (toll free in AL)

Alaska

State Offices

Mr. Robert E. Mintz, Acting Chief Consumer Protection Section Office of Attorney General 1031 West Fourth Avenue, Suite 110~B Anchorage, AK 99501 (907) 279-0428

Mr. James C. Hayes, Investigator Office of Attorney General 100 Cushman Street, Suite 400 Fairbanks, AK 99701 (907) 456–8588

American Samoa

Mr. Tauivi Tuinei, Director Consumer Protection Bureau P.O. Box 7 Pago Pago, AS 96799 011 (684) 633-4163 011 (684) 663-4164

Arizona

State Offices

Mr. Patrick Murphy, Chief Counsel Financial Fraud Division Office of Attorney General 1275 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007 (602) 542–3702 (fraud only) 1 (800) 352–8431 (toll free in AZ)

Ms. Noreen Matts Assistant Attorney General Financial Fraud Division Office of Attorney General 402 West Congress Street, Suite 315 Tucson, AZ 85701 (602) 628–5501

County Offices

Mr. Stephen Udall, County Attorney Apache County Attorney's Office P.O. Box 637 St. Johns, AZ 85936 (602) 337-4364

Mr. Alan Polley, County Attorney Cochise County Attorney's Office P.O. Drawer CA Bisbee, AZ 85603 (602) 432-5471 Mr. John Verkamp, County Attorney Coconino County Attorney's Office Coconino County Courthouse Flagstaff, AZ 86001 (602) 779-6518

Mr. Joe Albo, Jr., County Attorney Gila County Attorney's Office 1400 East Ash Street Globe, AZ 85501 (602) 425-3231

Mr. Paul H. McCullar, County Attorney Graham County Attorney's Office Graham County Courthouse Safford, AZ 85546 (602) 428-3620

Mr. Charles E. Fletcher, County Attorney Greenlee County Attorney's Office P.O. Box 1387 Clifton, AZ 85533 (602) 865–3842

Mr. Steven P. Suskin, County Attorney La Paz County Attorney's Office 1200 Arizona Avenue P.O. Box 709 Parker, AZ 85344 (602) 669-6118

Mr. Richard Romley, County Attorney Maricopa County Attorney's Office 111 W. Monroe, 18th Floor Phoenix, AZ 85003 (602) 262-3411

Mr. William Ekstrom, County Attorney Mohave County Attorney's Office 315 North 4th Street Kingman, AZ 86401 (602) 753-0719

Mr. Dale K. Patton, Jr., County Attorney Navajo County Attorney's Office Governmental Complex Holbrook, AZ 86025 (602) 524-6161

Mr. Stephen D. Neely, County Attorney Pima County Attorney's Office 1400 Great American Tower 32 North Stone Tucson, AZ 85701 (602) 740-5600

Mr. Roy Mendoza, County Attorney Pinal County Attorney's Office P.O. Box 887 Florence, AZ 85232 (602) 868-5801

Mr. Jose L. Machado, County Attorney Santa Cruz County Attorney's Office 2100 N. Congress Drive, Suite 201 Nogales, AZ 85621 (602) 281-4966 Mr. Charles Hastings, County Attorney Yavapai County Attorney's Office Yavapai County Courthouse Prescott, AZ 86301 (602) 445-7450

Mr. David S. Ellsworth, County Attorney Yuma County Attorney's Office 168 South Second Avenue Yuma, AZ 85364 (602) 782-4534

City Office

Mr. Ronald M. Detrick
Supervising Attorney
Consumer Affairs Division
Tucson City Attorney's Office
2500 North Tucson Boulevard, Suite 102
P.O. Box 27210
Tucson, AZ 85726
(602) 791-4886

Arkansas

Mr. Tom J. Hicks, Director Consumer Protection Division Office of Attorney General 200 Tower Building 4th & Center St. Little Rock, AR 72201 (501) 682-2007 (voice/TDD) 1 (800) 482-8982 (toll free voice/TDD in AR)

California

State Offices

Mr. Michael A. Kelley, Director California Department of Consumer Affairs 1020 "N" Street Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 445-0660 (complaint assistance) (916) 445-1254 (consumer information) (916) 522-1700 (TDD)

Public Inquiry Unit Office of Attorney General 1515 "K" Street, Suite 511 P.O. Box 944255 Sacramento, CA 94244-2550 (916) 322-3360 1 (800) 952-5225 (toll free in CA) 1 (800) 952-5548 (toll free TDD in CA)

Bureau of Automotive Repair California Department of Consumer Affairs 10240 Systems Parkway Sacramento, CA 95827 (916) 366-5100 1 (800) 952-5210 (toll free in CA—auto repair only)

California Department of Consumer Affairs 1020 "N" Street, Room 501 Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 445–1254 (916) 322–1700 (TDD) County Offices
Ms. Lorraine K. Provost, Coordinator
Alameda County
Consumer Affairs Commission
10910 East 14th Street
Oakland, CA 94603
(415) 530-8682

Mr. Gary Yancey, District Attorney Special Operations Division Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office 725 Court Street, 4th Floor P.O. Box 670 Martinez, CA 94553 (415) 646-4500, ext. 4500

Mr. Alan Yengoyan Senior Deputy District Attorney Business Affairs Fresno County District Attorney's Office 2220 Tulare Street, Suite 1000 Fresno, CA 93721 (209) 438–3156

Mr. Edward R. Jagels, District Attorney-Consumer and Major Business Fraud Section Kern County District Attorney's Office 1215 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301 (805) 861–2421

Ms. Shirley Goldinger, Director Los Angeles County Department of Consumer Affairs 500 West Temple Street, Room B-96 **Los Angeles**, CA 90012 (213) 974-1452

Ms. Betty Times, Director Citizens Service Office Marin County Mediation Services Marin County Civic Center, Room 412 San Rafael, CA 94903 (415) 499-6190

Mr. Jerry Herman, District Attorney Consumer Affairs Division Marin County District Attorney's Office Marin County Civic Center, Room 155 San Rafael, CA 94903 (415) 499-6482

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Consumer Protection Division
Marin County District Attorney's Office
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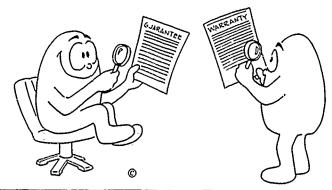
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 - 2. Consider:
- -How long is the warranty and when does it start and end?

- --What is covered? Which parts? What kinds of problems?
- —Will the warranty pay 100 percent of repair costs? Pay for parts, but not labor? Pay for shipping? Pay for a loaner?
- —What do you have to do? And when? Are regular inspections or maintenance required? Do you have to ship the product out of state for repairs?
- —Who offers the warranty? Manufacturer or retailer? How reliable are they?
 - 3. Keep sales receipts and warranties in a safe place.

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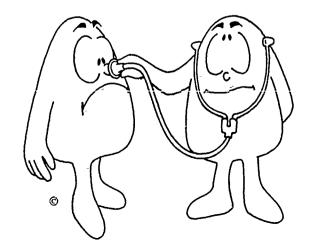
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Department of Agriculture
116 State Street
State Office Building
Montpeller, VT 05602
(802) 828-2436

Virgin Islands

Ms. Joycelyn Encarnacion Director Weights and Measures Division Golden Rock Shopping Center Christiansted St. Croix, VI 00820 (809) 773–2226

Virginia

Mr. J. Alan Rogers Chief Weights and Measures Bureau Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services P.O. Box 1163, Room 403 Richmond, VA 23209 (804) 786–2476

Washington

Mr. Stuart De Laney Chief Weights and Measures Department of Agriculture Room 406 General Administration Bldg. Olympia, WA 98504 (206) 753-5042

West Virginia

Mr. Stephen L. Casto Director Division of Weights and Measures Department of Labor 1800 Washington Street, East Building 3, Room 319 Charleston, WV 25305 (304) 348-7890

Wisconsin

Ms. Jane Jansen
Acting Supervisor
Bureau of Weights and
Measures
Department of Agriculture,
Trade and Consumer Protection
801 West Badger Road
P.O. Box 8911
Madison, Wi 53708
(608) 266–9836
1 (800) 362–3020
(toll free in WI)

Wyoming

Mr. Jim Bigelow
Manager
Consumer/Compliance Division
Department of Agriculture
2219 Carey Avenue
Cheyenne, WY 82002
(307) 777-6591

Military Commissary and Exchange Contacts

Consumers who shop at military commissaries and exchanges and have a question or problem should contact the local manager before contacting the regional offices in this section. If your problem is not resolved at the local level, then

write or call the regional office nearest you. Be sure to discuss the problem with the local and regional office before contacting the U.S. Headquarters of a commissary or exchange.

Air Force Commissary Service

Regional Headquarters California Region AFCOMS/FC Norton AFB, CA 92409 (714) 382-4671

North Central Region AFCOMS/FC Offutt AFB, NE 68113 (402) 294-4815

Northeast Region AFCOMS/CC Langley AFB, VA 23665 (804) 766-1371

Northwest Region AFCOMS/FC McChord AFB, WA 98438-6290 (206) 984-3941

South Central Region AFCOMS/FC Lackland AFB, TX 78236 (512) 671-2981

Southern Region AFCOMS/FC Maxwell AFB, AL 36112 (205) 293-6209

Southwest Region AFCOMS/FC Luke AFB, AZ 85309 (602) 848-8900

U.S. Headquarters HQ AFCOMS Directorate of Operations Kelly AFB, TX 78241 (512) 925-7344

Army Commissary Service

Regional Headquarters
Director, USATSA
Midwest Commissary Region
Attn: LOTA-MW-Z
Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234
(512) 221-5684

Director, USATSA Northeast Commissary Region Attn: LOTA-NE-Z Fort Meade, MD 20755 (301) 677-4932 Director, USATSA Southeast Commissary Regional Attn: LOTA-SE-Z Fort Lee, VA 23801 (804) 734-4666

Commander, USATSA Western Commissary Region Attn: LOTA-WE-Z Fort Lewis, WA 98433 (206) 967-3364

U.S. Headquarters U.S. Army Troop Support Agency Directorate of Commissary Operations Fort Lee, VA 23801 (804) 737–3600

Marine Corps Commissary Service

Headquarters
U.S. Marine Corps
Directorate
Facilities and Services
Commissary Operations
Washington, DC 20380
(written inquiries only)

Navy Commissary Service

Regional Headquarters Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office 2801 "C" Street S.W. Auburn, WA 98001-7499 (206) 931-7665

Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office Jacksonville Naval Air Station PO. Box 42 Jacksonville, FL 32212 (904) 777-7217

Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office Building 2101 Naval Supply Center Norfolk, VA 23511 (804) 460-3770

Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office Building S26 Davisville North Kingstown, RI 02852 (401) 294-9541 Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office Building 310-5E Naval Supply Center Oakland, CA 94625 (415) 452-2283

Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office Building 27 Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL 32508 (904) 452-4243

Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office P.O. Box 150 San Diego, CA 92136 (619) 696–6091

U.S. Headquarters
Customer Service
Representative
Navy Resale and Services
Support Office
Naval Station New York
Staten Island, NY 10305-5097
(718) 390-3868

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Regional Headquarters Capitol Exchange Region AAFES Building 6 Cameron Station Alexandria, VA 22304-6200 (202) 274-6096

Ohio Valley Exchange Region AAFES Indiana Army Ammunition Plant Building 2501, Gate 1 Charlestown, IN 47111-9670 (812) 283-1600

Southeast Exchange Region AAFES 1280 Kershaw Street Montgomery, AL 36196 (205) 264-7301

Alamo Exchange Region AAFES 5315 Summit Parkway San Antonio, TX 78228-1176 (512) 647-2800

Golden Gate Exchange Region AAFES P.O. Box 3553 San Francisco, CA 94119-3553 (415) 772-5896 U.S. Headquarters
Army and Air Force Exchange
Service Headquarters
Customer Relations (PA-R)
P.O. Box 660202
Dallas, TX 75266-0202
(214) 780-2763

Marine Corps Exchange Service

Regional Headquarters Marine Corps Exchange Marine Corps Logistics Support Base, Atlantic Albany, GA 31704 (912) 435-1471

Marine Corps Exchange Headquarters Battalion, HQMC Henderson Hall Arlington, VA 22214 (703) 979-8420

Marine Corps Exchange Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, CA 92311 (714) 256-8971

Marine Corps Exchange Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC 28547 (919) 451–2481

Marine Corps Exchange Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, CA 92055 (619) 725-6233

Marine Corps Exchange Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC 28533 (919) 447-7041

Marine Corps Exchange Marine Corps Air Station Kaneohe Bay, HI 96863 (808) 254-5871

Marine Corps Exchange Camp Elmore U.S. Marine Corps Norfolk, VA 23511 (804) 423-1187

Marine Corps Exchange Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC 29905 (803) 525-3301

Marine Corps Exchange Marine Corps Development and Education Command Quantico, VA 22134 (703) 640-7171 Marine Corps Exchange Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, CA 92140 (619) 297-2500

Marine Corps Exchange Marine Corps Air Station El Toro Santa Ana, CA 92709 (714) 726-3340

Marine Corps Exchange Marine Corps Air/Ground Combat Center Building 1533 Twentynine Palms, CA 92278 (619) 368-6163

Marine Corps Exchange Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, AZ 85364 (602) 726–2363

U.S. Headquarters Head Marine Corps Exchange Service Branch P.O. Box 1834 Quantico, VA 22134 (703) 640-6156

Navy Exchange Service

Regional Headquarters Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office 2801 "C" Street, S.W. Naval Supply Center Auburn, WA 98001-7499 (201) 931-7665

Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office P.O. Box 13—Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL 32212-0013 (904) 777-7075

Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office P.O. Box 2050 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-0791 (717) 790-5863 Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office P.O. Box 15037 Norfolk, VA 23511-0799 (804) 440-2399

Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office Building S26 Davisville North Kingstown, RI 02852 (401) 295-8882

Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office P.O. Box 23330 Oakland, CA 94623 (415) 466-7020 Officer in Charge Navy Resale Activity Naval Base Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-6000 (808) 471-0263

Executive Officer NAVRESSO Field Support Office P.O. Box 150— Naval Station San Diego, CA 92136-5150 (619) 237-5601

U.S. Headquarters
Customer Service
Representative
Navy Resale and Services
Support Office
Naval Station, New York
Staten Island, NY 10305-5097
(718) 390-3868

Federal Information Centers

Federal Information Centers (FICs) can help you find information about Federal government services, programs, and regulations. FICs also can tell you which Federal agency to contact for help with problems.

Alabama

Birmingham (205) 322-8591 Mobile (205) 438-1421

Alaska

Anchorage (907) 271-2898

Arizona

Phoenix (602) 261-3313

Arkansas

Little Rock (501) 378-6177

California

Los Angeles (213) 894-3800 San Diego (619) 557-6030 San Francisco (415) 556-6600 Santa Ana (714) 836-2386

Colorado

Colorado Springs (303) 471-9491 Denver (303) 844-6575 Pueblo (303) 544-9523

Connecticut

Hartford (203) 527-2617 New Haven (203) 624-4720

Florida

Ft. Lauderdale (305) 522-8531 Jacksonville (904) 354-4756 Miami (305) 536-4155 Orlando (407) 422-1800 St. Petersburg (813) 893-3495 Tampa (813) 229-7911 West Palm Beach (407) 833-7566

Georgia

Atlanta (404) 331-6891

Hawaii

Honolulu (808) 541-1365

Illinois

Chicago (312) 353-4242

Indiana

Gary (219) 883-4110 Indianapolis (317) 226-7373

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From all points in lowa 1 (800) 532-1556 (toll free)

Kansas

From all points in Kansas 1 (800) 432-2934 (toll free)

Kentucky

Louisville (502) 582-6261

Louisiana

New Orleans (504) 589-6696

Maryland

Baltimore (301) 962-4980

Massachusetts

Boston (617) 565-8121

Michigan

Detroit (313) 226-7016 Grand Rapids (616) 732-2739

Minnesota

Minneapolis (612) 370-3333

Missouri

St. Louis (314) 539-2105 From elsewhere in Missouri 1 (800) 392-7711 (toll free)

Nebraska

Omaha (402) 221–3353 From elsewhere in Nebraska 1 (800) 642–8383 (toll free)

New Jersey

Newark (201) 645-3600 Trenton (609) 396-4400

New Mexico

Albuquerque (505) 766-3091

New York

Albany (518) 463-4421 Buffalo (716) 846-4010 New York (212) 264-4464 Rochester (716) 546-5075 Syracuse (315) 476-8545

North Carolina

Charlotte (704) 376-3600

Ohio

Akron (216) 375-5638 Cincinnati (513) 684-2801 Cleveland (216) 522-4040 Columbus (614) 221-1014 Dayton (513) 223-7377 Toledo (419) 241-3223

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City (405) 231-4868 Tulsa (918) 584-4193

Oregon

Portland (503) 326-2222

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia (215) 597-7042 Pittsburgh (412) 644-3456

Rhode Island

Providence (401) 331-5565

Tennessee

Chattanooga (615) 265-8231 Memphis (901) 521-3285 Nashville (615) 242-5056

Texas

Austin (512) 472-5494 Dallas (214) 767-8585 Fort Worth (817) 334-3624 Houston (713) 653-3025 San Antonio (512) 224-4471

Utah

Salt Lake City (801) 524-5353

Virginia

Norfolk (804) 441-3101 Richmond (804) 643-4920 Roanoke (703) 982-8591

Washington

Seattle (206) 442-0570 Tacoma (206) 383-7970

Wisconsin

Milwaukee (414) 271-2273



Airline Travel

- 1. When making an airline reservation, always ask about fees or penalties for changing or canceling a reservation or a paid ticket. There may be a variety of ticket prices with varying penalties and conditions. Choose the one that best fits your needs.
- 2. Read the disclosure statement on the back of your ticket. It explains your rights and responsibilities as a passenger, in addition to the airline's liability for overbooking seats and for losing or damaging luggage.
- 3. When flights are overbooked, airline representatives are required to ask for volunteers to give up their reservations in exchange for a payment of the airline's choosing. If you volunteer, be sure to get any compensation arrangements in writing.
- 4. If you are "bumped" or involuntarily reassigned to a later flight, the airline must provide a written statement of your rights and entitled compensation. The complete rules for compensation are available at all airport ticket counters and boarding locations.

Selected Federal Agencies

The Federal government agencies listed in this section can help you with consumer questions and complaints. Some of these agencies have regional, district, or local offices.

If you are unsure which agency to contact about your

problem, check the Index in the back of this Handbook, If you do not find an entry related to your question, call the Federal Information Center (FIC) nearest you. The list of FICs begins on page 77.

Commission on **Civil Rights**

Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Civil Rights Commission." If it does not appear, call (% FIC nearest you (see page 75), or contact: Commission on **Civil Rights** 1121 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20425 1 (800) 552-6843 (voice/TDD complaint referral)

(202) 376-8521 (Voice in D.C. complaint referral) (202) 376-8116

(TDD in D.C. complaint referral) (202) 376-8312 (information and publications)

Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)

2033 K Śtreet, N.W. Washington, DC 20581 (202) 254-3067 (complaints only) (202) 254-8630 (information)

Consumer Information Center (CIC) Pueb 0, 60 81009

Concurrer Product Safety Co amission (CPSC)

To report a hazardous product or a product-related injury, or to inquire about product recalls. ca'. r write: Pir Just Safety Hotline

Consumer Product Safety Commission Washington, DC 20207 1 (800) 638-CPSC (toll free) 1 (800) 638- 8270 (toll free TDD) 1 (800) 492-8104 (toll free TDD in MD)

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Agricultural Marketing Service Department of Agriculture Washington, DC 20250

(202) 447-8998

Animal Care Staff

Veterinary Services, APHIS Department of Agriculture Federal Building, Room 700 6505 Belcrest Road Hyattsville, MD 20782 (301) 436-7799

Cooperative Extension Service

Department of Agriculture Washington, D.C. 20250 (202) 447-3029 (202) 755-2799 (TDD) Or consult county or city government listings in your local telephone directory for the number of your local Cooperative Extension Service

Farmers Home Administration Department of Agriculture Washington, DC 20250 (202) 447-4323

Food and Nutrition Service Department of Agriculture 3101 Park Center Drive Alexandria, VA 22302 (703) 756-3276

Human Nutrition Information Service Department of Agriculture Federal Building Rooms 360 and 364 6505 Belcrest Road Hvattsville, MD 20782

(301) 436-8617, 7725

Inspector General's Hotline Office of the Inspector General Department of Agriculture P.O. Box 23399 Washington, DC 20026 (202) 472-1388 1 (800) 424-9121 (toll free)

Meat and Poultry Hotline Food Safety and Inspection Service Department of Agriculture Washington, DC 20250 (202) 447-3333 (voice/TDD) 1 (800) 535-4555 (toll free voice/TDD)

Office of the Consumer Advisor Department of Agriculture Washington, DC 20250 (202) 382-9681

Office of Information Visitor Information Center

Department of Agriculture Washington, DC 20250 (202) 447-2791

Department of Commerce

Bureau of the Census Customer Services Data User Services Division

Department of Commerce Washington, DC 20233 (301) 763-4100

Constituent Affairs National Weather Service **Department of Commerce** Washington, DC 20901 (301) 427-7258

National Institute of Standards and Technology Office of Weights and Measures

Department of Commerce Washington, DC 20234 (301) 975-4004

National Marine Fisheries Service

Office of Trade and Industry Services Department of Commerce 1335 East-West Highway Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 427-2355 (inspection and safety) (301) 427-2358 (nutrition information)

Office of Consumer Affairs Department of Commerce Room 5718 Washington, DC 20230 (202) 377-5001

Office of Metric Programs Department of Commerce Room H4082 Washington, DC 20230 (202) 377-0944

Patent and Trademark Office Department of Commerce Washington, DC 20231 (703) 557-3341

Department of **Defense**

Office of National **Ombudsman**

National Committee for **Employer Support of the Guard** and Reserve Suite 414 1111 20th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20036~3407 (202) 653-0852 1 (800) 336-4590 (toll free nationwide, except in DC) Provides assistance with employer/employee problems for members of the Guard and Reserve and their employers.

Department of Education

Clearinghouse on the Handicapped Department of Education

Mail Stop 2319 Washington, DC 20202 (202) 732-1241

Consumer Affairs Staff Department of Education Washington, DC 20202 (202) 732-3679

Federal Student Financial Aid Program Department of Education

P.O. Box 84 Washington, DC 20044 1 (800) 233-INFO (toll free nationwide) Provides information about federal student financial aid programs for students, parents. and educators. Answers questions on student eligibility; provides help in completing financial aid applications, and provides help with student loan problems.

Inspector General's Hotline Department of Education P.O. Box 23458 Washington, DC 20026 (202) 755-2770 1 (800) MIS-USED (toll free, except in DC) Audits and investigates to prevent and detect fraud, waste, and abuse of Department funds. Persons may call anonymously to report possible violations of laws. rules or regulations. Or to report mismanagement, gross waste of funds or abuse of authority.

National Clearinghouse on Bilingual Education Hotline Department of Education 8737 Colesville Road Suite 900 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 588-6898 1 (800) 647-0123 (toll free)

Office of Public Affairs Department of Education Washington, DC 20202 (202) 732-4564

Department of Energy

For information about conservation and renewable energy:
National Appropriate
Technology Assistance
Service
Department of Energy
P.O. Box 2525
Butte, MT 59702-2525
1 (800) 428-1718
(toll free in MT)
1 (800) 428-2525
(toll free outside MT)

Conservation and Renewable Energy Inquiry and Referral Service

Depa, ment of Energy P.O. Box 8900 Silver Spring, MD 20907 1 (800) 523-2929 (toll free)

Division of Consumer Affairs Department of Energy Washington, DC 20585 (202) 586-5373

Office of Conservation and Renewable Energy Weatherization Assistance Inquiries: Department of Energy Washington, DC 20585 (202) 586–2204

Office of Scientific and Technical Information Department of Energy P.O. Box 62 Oak Ridge, TN 37831 (written inquiries only)

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

AIDS Hotline Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome 1 (800) 342-AIDS (toll free) Cancer Hotline
1 (800) 4-CANCER
(toll free in continental U.S.)
During daytime hours, callers in
California, Florida, Georgia,
Illinois, Northern New Jersey,
New York, and Texas may ask
for Spanish speaking staff
members.
1 (800) 638-6070
(toll free in AK)
808-524-1234 (Oahu, Hawaii;
call collect from neighboring
islands)

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Health and Human Services Department. Food and Drug Administration." If it does not appear, call the FIC nearest you (see page 77). or contact: Consumer Affairs and Information Staff Food and Drug Administration (HFE-88) Department of Health and Human Services 5600 Fishers Lane Room 16~85 Rockville, MD 20857 (301) 443-3170

Health Care Financing Administration Department of Health and Human Services 6325 Security Boulevard Baltimore, MD 21207 (301) 966–3000

Fealth Standards and Juality Bureau
Health Care Financing Administration
Department of Health and Human Services
6325 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21207
(301) 966-0841

Hill-Burton Free Hospital Care Hotline 1 (800) 492-0359 (toll free in MD) 1 (800) 638-0742 (toll free outside MD)

Inspector General's Hotline 1 (800) 636-3986 (toll free in MD) 1 (800) 368-5779 (toll free outside MD) National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect Department of Health and Human Services P.O. Box 1182 Washington, DC 20013 (202) 245-0586

National Health Information Center Department of Health and Human Services P.O. Box 1133 Washington, DC 20013 (301) 565-4167 1 (800) 336-4797 (toll free)

National Runaway Switchboard 1 (800) 621-4000 (toll free)

Office of Child Support Enforcement Department of Health and Human Services Washington, DC 20201 (202) 252-5377

Office for Civil Rights Department of Health and Human Services Washington, DC 20201 (202) 245-6671 (202) 472-2916 (TDD)

Office of Prepaid Health Care Department of Health and Human Services Washington, DC 20201 (202) 245-8036

President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports Department of Health and Human Services 450 5th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20001 (202) 272–3430

Second Surgical
Opinion Program
Department of Health
and Human Services
Washington, DC 20201
1 (809) 492-6803
(toll free in MD)
1 (800) 238-6833
(toll free outside MD)

Social Security
Administration
1 (800) 2345-SSA (toll free)
In Guam and U.S. Territories,
look in the telephone book
under "U.S. Government."

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Interstate Land Sales Registration Division Department of Housing and Urban Development Room 6278 Washington, DC 20410 (202) 755-0502

Manufactured Housing and Construction Standards Division Department of Housing and Urban Development Room 9156 Washington, DC 20410 (202) 755-6920

Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Department of Housing and Urban Development Room 5100 Washington, DC 20410 (202) 755-7252 1 (800) 424-8590 (toll free)

Office of Single Family Housing Department of Housing and Urban Development Room 9266 Washington, DC 20410 (202) 755-3046

Office of Urban Rehabilitation Department of Housing and Urban Development Room 7168 Washington, DC 20410 (202) 755-5685

Title I Insurance Division
Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Room 9158
Washington, DC 20410
(202) 755-6680

Department of the Interior

Bureau of Indian Affairs Department of the Interior Washington, DC 20240 (202) 343-4072

Bureau of Land Management Department of the Interior Washington, DC 20240 (202) 343-5717

Consumer Affairs Administrator

Office of the Secretary Department of the Interior Washington, DC 20240 (202) 343-5521

National Park Service Department of the Interior Washington, DC 20240 (202) 343-4917

United States Fish and Wildlife Service Department of the Interior Washington, DC 20240 (703) 358-2156

United States Geological Survey Department of the Interior 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive Reston, VA 22092 (703) 648-4427

Department of Justice

Antitrust Division Department of Justice Washington, DC 20530 (202) 633-3543

Civil Rights Division Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Justice Department, Civil Rights Division." If it does not appear, call the FIC nearest you (see page 77) or contact: **Civil Rights Division** Department of Justice Washington, DC 20530 (202) 633-3847 (202) 633-2608 (TDD)

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Justice Department, Drug Enforcement Administration." If it does not appear, call the FIC nearest you (see page 77) or contact: **Drug Enforcement** Administration Department of Justice Washington, DC 20537

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Look inside the front cover of your telephone directory for the number of the nearest FBI office. If it does not appear, look under "U.S. Government, Justice Department, Federal Bureau of Investigation." You may also contact:

(202) 633-1000

Federal Bureau of Investigation Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20535 (202) 324-3000

immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Justice Department, Immigration and Naturalization Service." If it does not appear, call the FIC nearest you (see page 77) or contact:

Immigration and **Naturalization Service** Department of Justice 4420 North Fairfax Drive Arlington, VA 22203 (703) 235-4055

Department of Labor

Bureau of Labor-Management Relations and Cooperative Programs Department of Labor Washington, DC 20210 (202) 523-6098

Coordinator of **Consumer Affairs** Department of Labor Washington, DC 20210 (202) 523-6060 (general inquiries)

Employment and Training Administration Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Labor Department, Employment and Training Administration." If it does not appear, call the FIC nearest you or contact:

Employment and Training Administration
Director, Office of Public Affairs Department of Labor Washington, DC 20210 (202) 523-6871

Employment Standards Administration Office of Information and Consumer Affairs Department of Labor Washington, DC 20210 (202) 523-8743

Mine Safety and Health Administration Office of Information and Public Affairs Department of Labor Baliston Towers #3 Arlington, VA 22203 (703) 235-1452

Health Administration (OSHA) Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Labor Department, Occupational Safety and Health Administration." If it does not appear, call the FIC nearest you or contact: Occupational Safety and Health Administration Office of Information and Consumer Affairs Department of Labor

Occupational Safety and

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' **Employment and Training** Department of Labor Washington, DC 20210 (202) 523-9116

Washington, DC 20210

(202) 523-8151

Office of Labor-Management **Standards** Department of Labor

Washington, DC 20210 (202) 523-7343

Pension and Welfare **Benefits Administration** Office of Program Services Department of Labor Washington, DC 20210 (202) 523-8921

Women's Bureau The Work and Family Clearinghouse Division of Information and **Publications** Department of Labor Washington, DC 20210 (202) 523-6652 Employers may contact this office for information about dependent care (child and/or elder care) policies.

Department of State

Overseas Citizen Services Department of State Washington, DC 20520 (202) 647-3666 (non-emergencies) (202) 647-5225 (emergencies)

Passport Services Department of State 1425 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20524 (202) 647-0518

Visa Services Department of State Washington, DC 20520 (202) 647-0510

Department of **Transportation (DOT)**

Air Safety: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Community and Consumer Liaison Division, FAA (APA-200) Department of Transportation Washington, DC 20591 (202) 267-3479, 8592 1 (800) FAA-SURE (toll free except in DC)

Airline Passenger Complaints: Office of Intergovernmental and Consumer Affairs (1-25) **Department of Transportation** Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-2220

Auto Safety Hotline: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTŠA) (NEF-11) Department of Transportation Washington, DC 20690 (202) 366-0123 (202) 755-8919 (TDD) 1 (800) 424-9393 (toli free) 1 (800) 424-9153 (toll free TDD)

Boating Safety Classes: United States Coast Guard Office of Boating, Public, and Consumer Affairs (G-BC) Department of Transportation Washington, DC 20593 (202) 267-0972

Boating Safety Hotline: United States Coast Guard Department of Transportation Washington, DC 20593 (202) 267-0780 1 (800) 368-5647 (toll free)

Oil and Chemical Spills: **National Response Center** United States Coast Guard Headquarters, G-TGC-2 Department of Transportation Washington, DC 20593 (202) 267-2675 1 (800) 424-8802 (toll free)

Railway Safety: Federal Railroad Administration Office of Safety (RRS-20) Department of Transportation Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-0522

Department of the Treasury

Bureau of Alcohol,
Tobacco and Firearms
Look in your telephone
directory under "U.S.
Government, Treasury
Department, Bureau of Alcohol,
Tobacco and Firearms." If it
does not appear, call the FIC
nearest you or contact:
Bureau of Alcohol,
Tobacco and Firearms
Department of the Treasury
Room 6213
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.
Washington, DC 20226
(202) 789-3175

To report lost or stolen explosives, or to report explosions or bombings, call: (202) 789-3000 1 (800) 424-9555 (toll free outside DC)

Bureau of Engraving and Printing Program Analysis and External Affairs Department of the Treasury Room 533M

14th and C Streets, S.W. Washington, DC 20228 (202) 447-0193

Bureau of the Public Debt Consumer Affairs Office of the Commissioner Department of the Treasury E Street Building Washington, DC 20239-0001 (202) 376-4300

Comptroller of the Currency The Comptroller of the Currency handles complaints about national banks, i.e., banks that have the word "National" in their names or the initials "N.A." after their names. For assistance, look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government. Treasury Department, Comptroller of the Currency." If it does not appear, call the FIC nearest you or contact: Comptroller of the Currency Director, Consumer Activities Department of the Treasury 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W. Washington, DC 20219 (202) 287-4265

Financial Management Service

Office of Legislative and Public Affairs Department of the Treasury Room 555 401 14th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20227 (202) 287–0669

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service." If it does not appear, call the FIC nearest you.

Office of Thrift Supervision (formerly Federal Home Loan Bank Board) The Office of Thrift Supervision handles complaints about Savings and Loan Associations and Savings Banks.

For assistance contact:
Office of Thrift Supervision
Consumer Affairs
1700 G Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20552
(202) 906-6237
1 (800) 842-6929
(toll free except in DC)

United States
Customs Service
Look in your telephone
directory under "U.S.
Government, Treasury
Department, U.S. Customs
Service." If it does not appear,
call the FIC nearest you.

To report fraudulent import practices call U.S. Customs Service's Fraud Hotline: 1 (800) USA-FAKE (toll free)

To report drug smuggling activity call U.S. Customs Service's Narcotics Hotline: 1 (800) BE-ALERT (toll free)

United States Mint Consumer Affairs Division Department of the Treasury 10001 Aerospace Road Lanham, MD 20706 (301) 436-7400 United States
Savings Bonds Division
Office of Public Affairs
Department of the Treasury
1111 20th Street, N.W.
Room 302
Washington, DC 20226
(202) 534-5389
1 (800) US-BONDS (toll free)

Environmental Protection Agency (SPA)

Asbestos Action Program (202) 382-3949

Chemical Emergency

Preparedness Program (CEPP) Hotline Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC 20460 (202) 479-2449 1 (800) 535-0202 (toll free except in AK and DC)

Inspector General's Whistle Blower Hotline (202) 382–4977 1 (800) 424–4000 (toll free)

National Pesticides Telecommunications Network (NPTN) (806) 743-3091 1 (800) 858-PEST (toll free outside TX)

Office of Public Affairs Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC 20460 (202) 382-4361

Public Information Center PIC (PM-211B) Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC 20460 (202) 382-2080 (general information)

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)/ Superfund Hotline Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC 20460 (202) 382–3000 1 (800) 424–9348 (toll free outside DC)

Safe Drinking Water Hotline (202) 382-5533 1 (800) 428-4791 (toll free outside DC)

Toxic Substances Control Act Assistance Information Service Environmental

Ervironmental Protection Agency Washington, DC 20024 (202) 554–1404

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission." If it does not appear, call the FIC nearest you or contact:

Office of Program Operations Equal Employment
Opportunity Commission
1801 L Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20507
(202) 663-4801

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

Complaints about telephone systems:
Common Carrier Bureau Informal Complaints Branch Federal Communications Commission 2025 M Street, N.W. Room 6202 Washington, DC 20554 (202) 632–7553 (202) 832–6999 (TDD)

General Information:
Consumer Assistance and
Small Business Office
Federal Communications
Commission
1919 M Street, N.W.
Room 254
Washington, DC 20554
(202) 632–7000
(202) 832–8999 (TDD)

Complaints about radio

or television:
Mass Media Bureau
Complaints and Investigations
Federal Communications
Commission
2025 M Street, N.W.
Room 8210
Washington, DC 20554
(202) 632-7048

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)

FDIC handles complaints about FDIC-insured banks which are not members of the Federal Reserve System. For assistance, look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation." If it does not appear, call the FIC nearest you or contact:

Office of Consumer Affairs
Federal Deposit
Insurance Corporation
550 17th Street, N.W. (F130)
Washington, DC 20429
(202) 898–3536
(202) 898–3535 (TDD)
1 (800) 424–5488
(toll free outside DC)

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Federal Emergency Management Agency." If it does not appear, call the FIC nearest you or contact:

Emergency Preparedness and Response

Office of the External Affairs Directorate Federal Emergency Management Agency Washington, DC 20472 (202) 646-4000

Federal Insurance Administration Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, DC 20472 (202) 646-2781 1 (800) 838-8820 (toll free)

Office of Disaster Assistance Programs

Federal Emergency Management Agency Washington, DC 20472 (202) 646–3615

U.S. Fire Administration Federal Emergency Management Agency NETC 16825 South Seton Avenue Emmitsburg, MD 21727 (301) 447–1080 (202) 646–2449

Federal Maritime Commission

Office of Informal Inquiries and Complaints 1100 L Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20573 (202) 523-5807

Federal Reserve System

The Board of Governors handles consumer complaints about state banks and trust companies which are members of the Federal Reserve System. For assistance, look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Federal Reserve System, Board of Governors," or "Federal Reserve Bank." if neither appears, call the FIC nearest you or contact:

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

Division of Consumer and Community Affairs Washington, DC 20551 (202) 452-3946

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Federal Trade Commission." If it does not appear, call the FIC nearest you or contact:

Correspondence Branch Federal Trade Commission Washington, DC 20580 (written complaints only)

Public Reference Branch Federal Trade Commission Washington, DC 20580 (202) 326–2222 (publications)

General Services Administration (GSA)

Surplus Federal Property Sales

Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, General Services Administration." If it does not appear, call the FIC nearest you.

Government Printing Office (GPO)

Government Publications: Publications Service Section Government Printing Office Washington, DC 20402 (202) 275–3050

Subscriptions to Government Periodicals: Subscription Research Section Government Printing Office Washington, DC 20402 (202) 275–3054

Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC)

Office of Compliance and Consumer Assistance Washington, DC 20423 (202) 275-7148

National Archives and Records Administration

Reference Services Branch National Archives and Records Administration Washington, DC 20408 (202) 523–3220 (202) 523–0774 (TDD)

Federal Register National Archives and Records Administration Washington, DC 20408 (202) 523–5240 (202) 523–5229 (TDD)

Publications Services National Archives and Records Administration Washington, DC 20408 (202) 523–3181 (202) 523–0774 (TDD)

National Credit Union Administration

Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, National Credit Union Administration." If it does not appear call the FIC nearest you (see page 75) or contact: National Credit Union Administration 1776 C Street N

1776 G Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20456 (202) 682–9600

National Labor Relations Board

Office of the Executive Secretary 1717 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Room 701 Washington, DC 20570 (202) 254-9430

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

Office of Governmental and Public Affairs Washington, DC 20555 (301) 492-0240

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

2020 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20006 (202) 778-8800 (202) 778-8859 (TDD)

Postal Rate Commission

Office of the Consumer Advocate Postal Rate Commission Washington, DC 20268 (202) 789-6830

President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities

1111 20th Street, N.W. Suite 636 Washington, DC 20036-3470 (202) 653-5044 (202) 653-5050 (TDD)

Railroad Retirement Board

844 Rush Street Chicago, IL 60611 (312) 751-4500

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Office of Consumer Affairs and Information Services 450 5th Street, N.W. (Mail Stop 2-6) Washington, DC 20549 (202) 272-7440 (investor complaints) (202) 272-7450 (filings by corporations and other regulated entities) (202) 272-5624 (SEC Information Line—general topics and sources of assistance)

Small Business Administration (SBA)

Office of Consumer Affairs 1441 L Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20416 (202) 653-6170

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)

Community Relations Department 400 West Summit Hill Drive Knoxville, TN 37902 (615) 632–8000

United States Postal Service (USPS)

if you experience difficulty when ordering merchandise or conducting business transactions through the mail, or suspect that you have been the victim of a mail fraud or misrepresentation scheme, contact your postmaster or local Postal Inspector. Look in your telephone directory under "U.S. Government, Postal Service U.S." for these local listings. If they do not appear, contact:

Chief Postal Inspector United States Postal Service Washington, DC 20260-2100 (202) 268-4267 For consumer convenience, all post offices and letter carriers have postage-free Consumer Service Cards available for reporting mail problems and submitting comments and suggestions. If the problem cannot be resolved using the Consumer Service Card or through direct contact with the local post office, write or call: Consumer Advocate United States Postal Service Washington, DC 20260-6720 (202) 268-2284

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

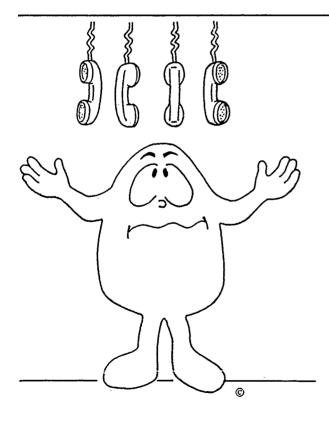
For information about VA medical care or benefits, write, call or visit the nearest VA facility. Your telephone directory will list a VA Medical Center or Regional Office under "U.S. Government, Department of Veterans Affairs" or under "U.S. Government, Veterans Administration." Folicy issues may be addressed to:

For burials and memorials— National Cemetery System (40H) Department of Veterans Affairs 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20420 (202) 233-5012 For medical matters— Veterans Health Services and Research Administration (101C) Department of Veterans Affairs 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20420

(202) 233-3975

For other benefits — Veterans Benefits Administration (27) Department of Veterans Affairs 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20420 (202) 233–2567

For other information —
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Veterans Liaison
Consumer Affairs Service
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20420
(202) 233–3113



Long Distance Telephone Service

- 1. To compare long distance telephone carriers, think about when, how often, and where you use long distance service. Then compare the charges, restrictions, and procedures for making calls.
- 2. Not all carriers provide service to all areas. Make sure the one you choose provides service to the areas you call most often.
- 3. Each long distance carrier may have a different-billing system. Some give credit for uncompleted calls, wrong numbers, or calls that are unanswered.
- 4. Ask about one-time only and regular charges. Is there a subscription fee? Monthly service fee? Monthly minimum charge?
- 5. Judge the quality of a carrier's performance (transmission capability, service, billing and crediting). A trial period may help you decide whether the quality of phone service is adequate. Before signing up, be sure you understand the terms of the carrier's cancellation policy, and the costs involved in switching to another carrier.
- 6. Many companies now provide operator services, including directory assistance and collect calls for telephones in hotels and airports, and other public places. When you dial the operator, ask which carrier is providing the service and how much you will be billed. If you prefer a different service, you may have to dial a separate access number. Check with your long distance company to see if it provides operator services and how to use them.

Federal TDD Directory

This section lists Federal government offices that have Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf (TDD). These offices can respond to questions and complaints from persons with speech and hearing impairments.

Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board

1111 18th Street, N.W. Room 501 Washington, DC 20036-3894 (202) 653-7834 (voice/TDD) (202) 653-7848 (voice/TDD) (202) 653-7951 (voice/TDD)

Central Intelligence Agency

Handicapped Program Office Washington, DC 20505 (202) 351-2252 (voice/TDD)

Commission on Civil Rights

1121 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20425 (202) 376-8116 (voice/TDD)

Congressional TDD Numbers

United States Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3091 (TDD)

United States House of Representatives

Congressional
Telecommunications for the
Deaf (TDD message relay
service—to leave messages for
Representatives)
(202) 225–1904 (TDD)

Subcommittee on Select Education Majority Office Rep. Owens (202) 226-7532 (voice/TDD)

United States Senate Senate Special Services (202) 224-4049 (TDD)

Committee on Labor and Human Resources (202) 224–1975 (TDD)

Subcommittee on the Handicapped Majority Office Sen. Harkin (202) 224-3457 (TDD)

Minority Office Sen. Durenberger (202) 224-9522 (voice/TDD)

Consumer Product Safety Commission

5401 West Bard Avenue Bethesda, MD 20207 1 (800) 638-8270 (TDD)

Department of Agriculture

14th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20250

Central Employment and Selective Placement Office (202) 447-5626 (voice/TDD)

Meat and Poultry Hotline (202) 447–3333 (voice/TDD) 1 (800) 535–4555 (tcl) free voice/TDD)

Department of the Army

Civilian Personnel Office Arlington, VA 22212 (202) 694-0118 (voice/TDD)

Department of Commerce

14th Street and Constitution Avanue, N.W. Washington, DC 20230

Bureau of the Census Population Division Statistical Information Staff Suitland and Silver Hill Roads Federal Building, Room 2030 Suitland, MD 20233 (301) 763-5020 (voice/TDD)

International Trade Administration Automated Information Management Division Quality Control Branch Herbert C. Hoover Building Room 1848 Washington, DC 20230

National Institute of Standards and Technology Office of Personnel Administration Building Room A123 Gaithersburg, MD 20899 (301) 975-2812 (TDD)

(202) 377-0549 (TDD)

National Weather Service
National Meteorological Center
World Weather Building
Room 307
Suitland, MD 20233
(301) 427-7700 (voice/TDD)
(official business—no
forecasts)

Office of the Secretary
Office of Civil Rights
Equal Employment Opportunity
Programs Division
Herbert C. Hoover Building
Room 6012
Washington, DC 20230
(202) 377-5691 (voice/TDD)

Department of Education

330 C Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20202

Captioning and Media Services 330 C Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20202 (202) 732–1177 (voice/TDD)

National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research 330 C Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20202 (202) 732-1198 (TDD)

Office of Civil Rights 330 C Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20202 (202) 732-1663 (TDD)

Office of Deafness and Communicative Disorders 330 C Street, S.V. Washington, DC 20202 (202) 732-1398 (voice/TDD)

Rehabilitation Services Administration 330 C Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20202 (202) 732-1298, 2848 (TDD)

General Services Administration

18 & F Streets, N.W. Washington, DC 20405

Interagency Committee for Computer Support of Handicapped Employees (202) 786-9171 (TDD)

Federal Information Relay Service 1 (800) 877-3339 (toll free voice/TDD, except in AK and HI)

Clearinghouse on Computer Accommodation (202) 523-1906 (voice/TDD)

Department of Health and Human Services

200 Independence Ave., S.W. Washington, DC 20201

Office of the Secretary
Handicapped Employment
Program
(202) 475-0099 (voice/TDD)

Office for Civil Rights (202) 472-2916 (TDD)

Personnel Office (202) 245-0541 (voice/TDD)

Food and Drug Administration 5600 Fishers Lane Parklawn Building Rockville, MD 20857 Personnel (301) 443-1970 (TDD)

Equal Employment Opportunity Office (301) 443-1818 (TDD)

Social Security
Administration
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21235
1 (800) 325-0778
(toll free TDD except in MO)
1 (800) 392-0812
(toll free TDD in MO)

Department of Housing and Urban Development

451 Seventh Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20410 1 (800) 424-8590 (TDD)

Department of the Interior

18th and C Streets, N.W. Washington, DC 20240

Legal Support Services (202) 343-3519 (TDD)

National Park Service (202) 472-5265 (TDD)

Personnel Office (202) 343-4817 (TDD)

Department of Justice

10th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20530

Civil Rights Division (202) 786-4463 (TDD)

FBI Identification Division (202) 324-2334 (TDD)

FBI Tours (202) 324-3553 (TDD)

Immigration and Naturalization (202) 633-4012 (voice/TDD)

Department of Labor

200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20210

Office of Civil Rights (202) 523-7090 (voice/TDD)

Department of the Navy

Civilian Personnel Office Washington, DC 20376 (202) 692-2658 (TDD)

Department of State

2201 C Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20520

Personnel Office (202) 647-7256 (TDD)

Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 400 7th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20590 (202) 366-2602 (vcice/TDD)

Department of the Treasury

Telecommunications Center 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20220 (202) 566-2673 (TDD)

Bureau of the Public Debt 13th and C Streets, S.W. Washington, DC 20590 (202) 287-4097 (TDD)

Internal Revenue

Service
1111 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20224
1 (800) 382-4059
(toll free TDD in IN)
1 (800) 428-4732
(toll free TDD outside IN)

Department of Veterans Affairs

810 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20420

Personnel Office (202) 233-3225 (voice/TDD)

Environmental Protection Agency

401 M Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20460 (202) 382-4565 (voice/TDD)

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

2401 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20507 (202) 634-7886, 6565, (TDD)

Executive Office of the President The White House

1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20500 (202) 456-6213 (voice/TDD)

Federal Communications Commission

1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20554 (202) 632-6999 (voice/TDD)

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

1776 F Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20429 (202) 898-3537 (voice/TDD) 1 (800) 424-5488 (toll free voice/TDD)

Federal Reserve Board

20th and C Streets, N.W. Washington, DC 20551 (202) 452-3544 (TDD)

Federal Trade Commission

Public Reference Section 6th and Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20580 (202) 326-2502 (voice/TDD)

Interstate Commerce Commission

Constitution Avenue and 12th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20011 (202) 275-1721 (TDD)

Library of Cor ress

1st Street and Independence Avenue, S.E. Washington, DC 20549 (202) 707-6200 (TDD)

Merit Systems Protection Board

1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20419 (202) 653-8896 (voice/TDD)

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

400 Maryland Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20546

Personnel Office (202) 426-1436 (voice/TDD)

Greenbeit Personnel Office (301) 286-3729 (voice/TDD)

National Archives and Records Service

8th and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W Washington, DC 20408 (202) 523-0774 (TDD)

National Council on Disability

800 Independence Ave., S.W. Suite 814 Washington, DC 20591 (202) 267–3232 (TDD)

National Endowment for the Arts

1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20506 (202) 682-5496 (TDD)

National Science Foundation

1800 G Street, N.W., Room 212 Washington, DC 20550 (202) 357-9529 (TDD)

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington, DC 20555 (202) 492-4626 (voice/TDD)

Office of Personnel Management

1900 E Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20415

Equal Employment
Opportunity Division
(202) 632-6272 (voice/TDD)

Job Information Center (202) 653-9260 (voice/TDD)

President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities

1111 20th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20036 (202) 653-5050 (TDD)

Securities and Exchange Commission

450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20549 (202) 272-2552 (voice/TDD)

Small Business Administration

1725 Eye Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20416 (202) 653-6579 (TDD)

Smithsonian Institution

Special Education Program Washington, DC 20560 (202) 357-1696 (TDD)

Tennessee Valley Authority

400 West Summit Hill Drive Knoxville, TN 37902 1 (800) 362-9250 (toll free TDD in Tennessee) 1 (800) 251-9342 (toll free TDD outside Tennessee)

United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20215 (202) 225-1904 (TDD)

United States Information Agency

301 4th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20547 (202) 485-7157 (voice/TDD)

United States Postal Service

475 L'Enfant Plaza West, S.W. Washington, DC 20260 (202) 268-2310 (TDD)

United States Senate

Washington, DC 20510 (202) 224-4049, 4075 (TDD)

Books for Blind and Physically Handicapped Persons

The Library of Congress has a free reading program for blind and physically handicapped individuals. Books, magazines, and other publications are available in Braille and/or audio recordings to persons who cannot hold a book or see to read regular print.

Special playback equipment is available on loan from the Library of Congress. Cassettes and records can be ordered from about 160 cooperating libraries. Anyone who is medically certified as unable to hold a book, or who is unable to read ordinary print because of a visual handicap, may borrow and return these materials, postage-free. For more information, send name and address to:

National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped The Library of Congress Washington, DC 20542

Recordings for the Blind (RFB) is a national, non-profit service organization that provides free cassettes of educational textbooks to persons with medically certified sight impairments. The RFB also offers a collection of cassettes featuring consumer publications provided by the Federal government. For more information and an application, contact:

Student Services—CI
Recording for the Blind, Inc.
20 Roszel Road
Princeton, NJ 08540
(609) 452-0606
1 (800) 221-4792 (toll free outside New Jersey)

TDD Operator Services

Hearing or speech impaired individuals who use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD or TTY) may get assistance with calls made to and from a telecommunications device by calling:

TDD/TTY Operator Services
1 (800) 855-1155 (toll free)

If you need assistance and you have TDD equipment, the TDD Operator can help you to make any of the following:

- Credit card calls (with valid telephone calling card)
- Collect calls (paid for by the person you are calling)
- Person-to-person calls (to a specific person)
- Third party calls (calls billed to a number other than the one you are calling to or from)
- Calls from a hotel or motel
- Calls from a pay phone (only credit card, collect or third party calls)

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